

The Virginia Beach Sun

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Tax increase proposed for schools; falls short of school board request

By LEE CAHILL

City Council Reporter

The city's proposed operating budget for 1996-97, \$897,885,738, includes the largest year-to-year increase in city funding for schools (\$20.7 million) in the city's history.

Still, the city staff's recommended budget does not fully fund the school board approved budget.

The budget provides for a tax increase of 3.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value, bringing the real estate tax rate to \$1.22 per \$100 valuation. According to the budget message from City Manager James K. Spore, the city was forced into the tax increase by circumstances surrounding the \$12.1 school board deficit from previous years.

In conjunction with the presentation of the operating budget at Tuesday's city council meeting, the city staff also presented its recommended Capital Improvement Program (CIP) of \$1,007,685,854, which includes money that already has been appropriated.

The tax increase will increase taxes on a \$100,000 home by \$32. At the same time, a rebate under the city's water contract with Norfolk will be passed on to water customers, who will receive a one-time credit of \$33 in their water bill sometime late in 1996.

E. Dean Block, director of management and budget, in presenting the Resource Management Plan which comprises both the operating and capital budgets, said that "clearly school issues have been the dominant concern in both."

He said that staff thought it had presented a "fair and appropriate" budget. Block said that the local economy is good and that while the city anticipates reasonable growth, barring recessions, it is not the growth of 10 and 12 percent of the '80s.

With the progress in the

CHECK IT OUT

City Council has scheduled public hearings on the Resource Management Plan (Operating and Capital Budget) for Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. at the Larksprout Middle School and Thursday, May 9 at 2 p.m. in the city council chamber.

Council will have workshops on the budgets on April 9 from 9 a.m.-noon April 11, from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. and April 16 from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. in the council conference room; also on April 23 from 3-6 p.m. and April 25 from 1-5 p.m. in the conference room.

A reconciliation workshop is scheduled for May 9 in the conference room, following the council session with the adoption of the budgets expected on May 14 at 2 p.m. in the council chamber.

Economic Development Department and the location of F-14s and F/A-18s at the Naval Air Station at Oceana, Block said, the city can anticipated improved growth.

Overall, Block said, localities have fared well by the state but, said Block, he sees a continuous passing down of responsibilities from the state to the localities. In addition to the state investing itself of programs, a gradual process, he said the city is experiencing a significant loss in impact aid (federal) for schools and cutbacks in mass transit. The future is uncertain, he said, because a federal budget still is not available.

Reflected in the budget is the aging of the city, he said, the facilities, the infrastructure and the work force. Since the needs expressed by the departments far exceed the finances, many are unfunded and priorities had to be set.

Major considerations in preparing the budget, said Block, were maintenance, sustaining service at the basic level (citizens have not shown interest in cutting back programs) and keeping what we have in reasonably good shape.

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Hop on down!

Virginia Beach and Beach Events are hosting "Easter Eggstravaganza" this Saturday and Sunday at the 24th Street Park at the Oceanfront from noon - 5 p.m.

This event is free. Spring festivities include free pony rides, puppet shows from Spectrum Puppets, face painters, clowns, balloon artists, a moon walk, the Easter Bunny and more. Local charities will host carnival style games that everyone can play for a nominal fee and win prizes!

Sunday at 1 p.m. is the traditional Easter egg hunt. This year there will be 3,000 eggs filled with prizes, waiting to be found in sand castles on the beach. For more information call 491-SUNN.

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Consecrated city

The Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima recently started a tour in the United States, with its first stop being Virginia Beach. A consecration of the city, including a novena, was held last weekend at 24th Street park. Above, councilman Robert K. Dean addressed the small crowd. Right, The Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima statue was brought in a procession to the stage. Below, Father Anselm Ober, O.S.B. of St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church said prayers, including one for Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.



Beach advances \$100,000 for Sandbridge project

By LEE CAHILL

City Council Reporter

City council has advanced \$100,000 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers so that the Sandbridge beach replenishment project can stay on schedule.

The corps wants to finish the preliminary engineering and design of the project this year so that construction could begin in fiscal 1997. However, the transfer from the PED account for Sandbridge to other corps activities resulted in a shortage of \$100,000 in that account. The city expects to be reimbursed if the project goes into construction.

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But even as council was taking action on the appropriation, camera and news crews were in town doing a story on beach replenishment.

Thomas E. Fraim, chairman of the Beach Erosion Commission and a resident of Sandbridge Road in Sandbridge, told council that he had spent most of the morning with

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Beach OK's arena study, but wants consultants to be local

By LEE CAHILL

City Council Reporter

City council has unanimously endorsed an arena feasibility study but wants The Sports Authority of Hampton Roads to be in charge of the consultant. The city also agrees to participate with staff support and other participation and the selection of a consultant.

Following a discussion at a council workshop Tuesday, council adopted a resolution endorsing the efforts of the region to examine the feasibility of a major sports franchise being located in a facility that would be deemed suitable for a successful franchise. The city also agrees to participate with staff support and other participation and the selection of a consultant.

However, the resolution states that since the work will be accomplished by using public funds, the Sports Authority of Hampton Roads should direct the selection of a consultant under the requirements of the Virginia Public Procurement Act.

If the other members of the Hampton Roads Mayor and Chairs organization which represents 15 Hampton Roads localities decide otherwise at its next meeting on April 26 at Harbour Park in Norfolk Mayor Meyera Oberndorf will return to city council for further instructions.

Some of the other cities have not problem with having the Greater Norfolk Corporation, a private organization of business leaders, in charge of the hiring process. Others, said City Manager James K. Spore have expressed no opinion.

However, the discussion at Tuesday's workshop indicated that most of Virginia Beach city council members would prefer using a public agency to insure objectivity and to make sure that the consultant is selected under the requirements of the Virginia District Commission has up to \$150,000 in public funds available in its unallocated surplus which can be used for the study.

Councilman Louis R. Jones said that if a study is going to be done and "we're going to participate and we're going to share in the costs, that study should be an unbiased study." He then said that the existing Sports Authority of Hampton Roads should do the study. "I feel they would give a more unbiased appearance than other bodies."

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf said that the private sector was being considered because it would not take as long to do the job. It would not have to go through the procurement process.

The study would examine the experience in other jurisdictions in procuring and

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Va. Beach Methodist, Dough Boy's team up to feed the homeless

Wine tasting, reggae party fund raiser set

By CLAUDIA PINTO

Sun Intern

KOYA, a singles group of the Virginia Beach United Methodist Church, and Dough Boy's California Pizza have teamed up to feed the hungry and homeless in Virginia Beach.

From now until May 24, when a patron brings canned goods into Dough Boy's, \$2 will be taken off of his or her bill and the owner, George Kotarides, will donate \$1 to the cause. Once the project is completed, proceeds will be split between the Virginia Beach United Methodist Church and the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center. These two organizations will distribute the proceeds and food as they see fit.

The fund raiser is appropriately dubbed "Help Us Help."

KOYA — Keeping Our Youthfulness Alive — and Dough Boy's sponsored a spring reggae party last week to kick off the fund

raising. With a canned good and \$5 customers received all the pizza and appetizers they could eat. Kotarides donated \$1 per patron to the cause.

"The kickoff was a complete success. The barrel was set out to hold canned goods was overflowing. We also raised around \$300. Guests were excited about the cause and wanted to get involved. A few even gave contributions, it was wonderful," said coordinator of KOYA and co-chair of Help Us Help, Denise Parry.

Help Us Help is Randy Fojatina's brainchild.

Fojatina, general manager of Dough Boy's and Co-Chair of Help Us Help, saw many homeless people at the beach this winter.

Some would come by the restaurant and ask for a bite to eat. Fojatina wanted to do something to help. He discussed his concerns and ideas with Kotarides, who is a member of KOYA, and together with Parry devised a plan.

This is the first time that Fojatina has ever worked for charity and he feels good about helping other people.

"We have a credo at Dough Boy's, that the staff and owner write that it goes, 'At Dough Boy's California Pizza, we attempt to project our innate goodness for the betterment of mankind. In a world blighted by homelessness, crime, prejudice, child abuse, political corruption, AIDS, natural disaster, misunderstanding and uncaring, we can only try to be bright and hopeful. To try and to hope is our place on this space ship earth.' We want to focus on making things better right here, right now, in our own niche of society."

On April 25, a second fund raiser, World Wine Experience and Reggae Party, will be held at Dough Boy's from 6-9 p.m. There will be wine

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DIG IN! Randy Fojatina, right, general manager of Dough Boy's and co-chair of Help Us Help, munches on a big bite of pizza offered by Dough Boy's owner George Kotarides as Denise Parry, co-chair of Help Us Help, watches. The beachfront business and Virginia Beach United Methodist Church are teaming up to feed the hungry and homeless.

Commentary

Fostering literacy

April is shaping up as a busy one for advocates of childhood literacy.

The week of April 14-20 is National Library Week, while April 21-27 is Week of the Young Child as well as Reading is Fun Week, dubbed so by Reading is Fundamental.

For many parents looking for ways to interest their children in activities — anything other than the latest video games — these special observances couldn't come at a better time.

Are we raising a nation of illiterates, when a basketball standout can cruise through one of the nation's most esteemed universities and yet not have the reading skills of a second grader? When parents would rather dismiss their child's learning disabilities and hope it just goes away? When books can't compete with television and video games to provide mindless stimulation?

Reading is the foundation for future success. It is the window to knowledge, information and creativity. The best thing you can do as a parent or grandparent to instill a love for reading is by reading to and with your child. You end up spending not just time together, but quality, educational time.

There are a few helpful hints (provided by Children's World Learning Center) to remember in fostering an environment that promotes a desire to read:

- The activity of spending time reading to a child is more important than what is read.

- Try to develop a routine — a regular time each day when you read together.

- Eliminate distractions such as television and radio when you read with your child.

- Find a comfortable place to read, whether it's a couch, easy chair, bed or bean bag chair.

- Help your child select the book he wants to read.

- Provide your child with a variety of books that interest him. Children also like books about experiences that are familiar to them, as well as jokes, puns and amazing facts.

- Use the book to branch out into all sorts of conversation with your child.

- Children too young to speak love to be read to; older children who know how to read themselves also love to be read to.

- Take books with you to read at places where you may have to wait, such as a doctor's office or car repair shop.

- Keep books handy and stored in a way that they are easily accessible.

Finally, don't be afraid to ask your child's teacher what they do to ensure that reading is a priority. Make reading your business — and your child's business.

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Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

longer have it.

The proposal sounded simple enough, perhaps even tempting, when he announced Wednesday night that he'd like me to help him over the weekend with a project. In fact, I was eager to learn what his up-and-coming business, Network Information Systems (which he started on his own and, yes, I am the proud wife), does for clients.

"We'll get a bite to eat when you get off work, then we'll head out to the dentist's office for this networking job. You'll really like it, I promise. Then you can help me all day Saturday, too," Evan explained.

"Are you there isn't an alternative motive?" I asked suspiciously. "Are you just feeling guilty because I haven't seen you much lately thanks

for before heading out to the Beach dentist's office.

"Now you're going to really understand what I do and why I get tired!" Evan promised as we pulled into the parking lot of the darkened office.

Unlocking the door, I spied a huge coffee table topped with dozens of magazines. Aha! If I got bored, I could plop down on the couch and read to my heart's content.

Evan had other ideas.

"OK, no sitting," he stated rather firmly. "You're here to work. Now follow me."

Before I knew it, we were checking out the office. This dentist had at least

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seven computers in the place, which I couldn't believe, and all had to networked together.

"We're going to be here a while, aren't we?" I asked quietly.

"Uh-huh," Evan said solemnly, shaking his head. "It's a pretty good job."

Immediately he put me to work with a screwdriver taking the faceplates off the walls where computer cables went in.

"Ah, done at last," I sighed after the last one was done. I sank on the sofa and picked up the latest copy of People.

"What are you doing?" Evan said, marching into the lounge from an office.

"Um, I'm done," I responded matter-of-factly.

"I don't think so," he grinned.

"We're just beginning."

And he was right. Soon Evan started taking ceiling tiles down, scattering bits of particleboard all over the place in the process and handing them to me. Next he began to measure out lengths of cable.

"You're making a mess! That is going to be a pain to clean up for somebody," I declared.

Great, elevated from mere wife to assistant in a night and I was still doing all the cleaning up!

That job complete (done with a wimpy carpet sweeper, instead of the so-called "vacuum") I looked at my watch. Hamm, 9:30 p.m. It had to be time to go.

"You know," I said, "we could go catch a movie now. We could get the 10 o'clock show."

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Chickens come home to roost for poor, old Hillary and 'Slick Willie'

The chickens came home to roost recently at a radio-television correspondents' association dinner where Bill and Hillary Clinton were guests. The featured speaker was a smut peddler named Don Imus, a radio "shock jock."

Now what makes this worth writing about is the fact that Clinton thought

that Imus was his buddy. In 1992, during the presidential campaign, Clinton sucked up to Imus and even went on his radio show. They told jokes and Imus called Clinton "Bubbe" and said he would vote for him. When Clinton

heard that Imus was the feature speaker at the dinner, he was not worried at all.

This guy was on his side, so he thought. He was due for a rude awakening. Imus took off after Bill and Hillary like a barnacle. He joked about Bill's women and Hillary's Whitewater problems.

The president and first lady sat there shocked while Mike McCurry, the president's press flunkie squirmed and tried to figure out some way to quickly get the Clintons out before Imus really said something that might further embarrass them. But they were a captive audience and McCurry could do nothing about it but sit and listen in agony.

Mercifully, Imus went on to make

jokes about Dan Rather, Peter Jennings and others, but the damage had been done and the Clintons didn't tarry long after the dinner. During the time Clinton was playing pataycak with Imus, he was also trying to cultivate Larry King — which isn't hard to do. Everybody cultivates Larry King.

He always throws softballs to his friends. Clinton read King right, but he missed Imus.

This guy doesn't have any friends — and so Slick Willie got slicked this time.

After the show Mike McCurry called C-Span and suggested that they reconsider rebroadcasting the tape of the show because it might corrupt little children. That's the kind of hypocrites we have at the head of our government in Washington. If the jokes had been directed at Bob and Elizabeth Dole, no effort would have been made to stop the rebroadcast. Welcome to the real world.

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Old Cape Henry Lighthouse stands as a beacon to the past, present and future

The city of Virginia Beach as it exists today began in 1963 with the merger of the resort city of Virginia Beach and Princess Anne County. Although the city is relatively young, its history dates back as far as the settlement of North America by the British.



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf

office in the county had been filled.

One-hundred-and-eighty-two years after that landing, a law was enacted by the first session of the First Congress of the United States to establish a lighthouse on Cape Henry near the entrance of Chesapeake Bay. This lighthouse approved by George Washington in 1790 was constructed to John McComb Jr., "the architect royal of the Federalist Party" of the state of New York, as builder and undertaken in 1791. It was completed in October 1792.

The contract called for McComb, with all convenient speed, build and finish in a good workman like manner, a Light House of stone faced with hewn or hammer dressed stone...from the bottom of the Water Table up to the top of the Stone Work." It was to be in an octagon shape, having three windows in the east and four in the west. McComb was also to build a two-story frame house, 20 feet square with Lath and plaster for the keeper of the lighthouse.

The original cost for the lighthouse was \$15,200 with one contract adjustment of \$2,500. Laban Goffigan was the first keeper and lit the fish oil-burning lamps late in October 1792. The fish oil was replaced in time with better burning fluids — sperm oil, colza oil, lard or kerosene.

The lighthouse rises 90 feet to the light on top and sits on a 30-foot sand dune about six or seven hundred yards from the beach. It was built from pale sandstone blocks cut for the same Rappahannock quarry as those used to build Mt. Vernon, the White House and the U.S. Capitol. It is 26 feet across the base tapering to 16 feet at the top. There are approximately 80 steps from the bottom of the sand dune to top of the dune and 100 more steps in the lighthouse itself.

The initial lamps were without lenses and reflectors. The lantern was reworked in 1841 at a cost of \$4,000

and was equipped with "18 lamps with brass burners and fitted with oil heaters and 18 full 21° reflectors on three tiers of circles." The light was improved in 1875 when equipped with a "dioptric Fresnel lens."

In an inspection in 1872, the stability and safety of the old tower was first questioned. "Large cracks or openings" in the original masonry of six of the eight faces were noted and the tower was declared unsafe with no way to repair it.

Today, the Cape Henry Lighthouse receives 28,000 visitors annually. It remains a "day mark and it is also used as a basis for coast survey triangulation."

On June 10, 1878, an appropriation of \$75,000 paved the way for the start of a new tower. Like everything else, the oil is replaced with the new (a sign of progress) but the work the old tower did, standing guard over the gateway to freedom, the junction of the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean will always be remembered. This registered National Historic Landmark reminds us of our past and of the beginning of what we now call Virginia Beach. Where once it beam

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announced the gateway of the Chesapeake Bay, it stands now as a silent sentinel reminding us that this was the place of the birth of a nation and acts as a symbolic beacon of regional and national history.

The city of Virginia Beach has included the old lighthouse at Cape Henry in its city seal, flag and emblem of progress. This old tower will always remain the first lighthouse erected by the United States government and is now the third oldest tower still standing in the United States, the oldest on the East Coast south of Cape Henlopen.

In August 1930, the United States transferred the old tower and 1.77 acres of ground associated with it to the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. The Association was founded in 1889 with the immediate goal of saving Virginia's historic sites. Today, the Association serves as an educational and cultural resource as it preserves, promotes and interprets the history and people of Virginia through its properties.

The old lighthouse is open annually to the public from the middle of March to November. There is a small admission fee and on a clear day you can see the Cape Charles Lighthouse 20 miles across the bay.

Police on track of rental robbers

A rental company was robbed in the middle of the day by two men. Police have a description of the men and the getaway vehicle. Crime Solvers is offering a reward for your help.

On Tuesday, March 12 at about 1 p.m., two armed men walked into B & H Rentals in the 500 block of Central Drive located in the London Bridge Industrial Park and demanded money. After getting the money they ran to the parking lot and got into a late '80s model, white, Ford 250 pickup truck with silver and black trim along the sides.

Both men are described as being black and were wearing knit hats. One was about 6-feet-1-inch tall and 180 pounds with a round face and a mustache. He was wearing a camouflage jacket. The other man was about 5-feet-8-inches tall with a thin build and was wearing a black and white flannel shirt.

Information can be provided to Crime Solvers by calling the TipLine at 427-0000.

Contestants sought to wear Miss Va. Beach crown

The 1996 Miss Virginia Beach Tidewater Scholarship Pageant, a preliminary to the Miss America Pageant, is seeking contestants from all high schools and colleges. The competition is open to young women between the ages of 17 and 24. This year's pageant will be held at the Virginia Beach Pavilion May 12.

Contestants will be judged in private interview, talent, evening gown and physical fitness in swimsuit. Applications will be taken on a "first come first served" basis. All high school and college girls are urged to apply.

Last year, Miss Virginia Beach, Amber Medlin, a graduate of Cox High School, went on to win the title of Miss Virginia and represented Virginia in Atlantic City at the Miss America Pageant. She has won a total of \$12,000 in scholarships, which will enable her to continue her education and show off her talents in the Miss America pageant.

For more information, call 499-6567, 496-8152 or 497-3412.

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By Detective Michael G. Dewart, Virginia Beach Police Department



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Up close and personal

Robert Hitchings: Rooted to his past

By VICTORIA HECHT
Sun Editor

Robert Hitchings has a healthy respect for the past and a hope for the future: that America's future generations will not forget the struggles our forefathers experienced to make the United States the great country that it is today.

He is accomplishing that as senior president of the Cavalier Society, Children of the American Revolution (CAR). Sponsored by the Princess Anne Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, the award-winning society is 55-members strong and frequently ranks among the top CAR groups in Virginia.

Hitchings, a retired lab technician for the Norfolk Utilities Department, was instilled with a respect for the past as a young boy growing up in Norfolk.

"My early roots were with CAR because Mrs. Bruce Wingo was senior president of the Old Cannonball chapter, which started about 1890. All my friends in Larchmont and Edgewater were members, so that's how I grew up with it. Although I wasn't a member, all my cousins were. I used to attend the meetings anyway," Hitchings recalled.

With a strong love of history, a career in that field seemed inevitable. But Hitchings joked, "I guess I sort of got sidetracked, because I went into environmental science. I got my job with the Norfolk's water department, but always had the inkling to get my degree in history. After 25 years, I took my early retirement in 1995 and am now back at school picking up all the courses I need to teach history."

Going back to school after 25 years is a challenge, but one that Hitchings is willing to take "one day at a time." He estimates he'll have the degree and finish student teaching within two years. After that, he'd like to get a master's degree and instruct on the college level.

"If you look around, you can tell I'm suited to be a history teacher!" he beamed, gesturing toward the antique furniture, china and knick-knacks throughout his home. "There are so many things from my family and my heritage that I couldn't part with."

Parting membership with the Cavalier Society isn't something Hitchings is likely to do any time soon. Not only is he active in the organization, his two sons are also members.

"When our boys were born, the first thing I said was, 'They have to belong to CAR!' It's done a lot for my boys. Our motto has always been 'Education, preservation, patriotism.' It teaches young people to appreciate not only American history, but that they have a link back to those days, that 'hey, part of my family was there to help build this great country.' It gives you a sense of stability."

CAR, open to anyone under age 21 who can trace their ancestry back to a man or woman who rendered aid to the cause of American independence, has influenced the Hitchings not only with club activities, but in daily life as well. History, for example, comes alive at the dining room table as Hitchings and his sons, Paul and Patrick, work on school projects together. Doing his "fatherly duty," Hitchings describes their ancestors' contributions to certain battles, bringing it all to life.

He can trace his own family tree to 1636, when the Hitchings arrived in Northampton County.

"But I have to tell you," he grinned, "they were Loyalists! But through my mother's line, they all came from patriotic backgrounds. In all I had about 10 ancestors involved in the Revolutionary War — but only two from my father's side."

Genealogy is a particular fascination for Hitchings, as is evidenced by his membership in several area organizations: the Huguenot Society of Virginia (Maury Chapter), the Portsmouth Genealogical Society and the Virginia Historical Society. In addition, he is active in the Norfolk Historical Society, The Order of Cape Henry 1607 (vice president), Thomas Nelson Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (vice president) and the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk.

"When you get into it all, it's really quite fascinating," said Hitchings, who is also a history tutor. "I always like to stress to young people the importance of it — how far we've come in 220 years. You know that when you have enthusiasm for something, it spills over to your youths."

Even though he is decades older than the young people in the Cavalier Society, Hitchings doesn't mind wholeheartedly pitching in for CAR projects — whether it means pulling on a Revolutionary-era costume for a parade or organizing a re-enactment. He has been the local society's leader since 1990.

In that time, Cavalier has been named second best CAR society in the nation (1995) and best in Virginia three times. The largest chapter in the Tidewater area, it has two parks in the "Adopt-a-Spot" program and participates in Clean the Bay Day. Cavalier also holds wreath-laying ceremonies and is active in local blood drives. Special programs throughout the year highlight history and heritage.

"I come away feeling good seeing young people taking pride in their country," he noted.

For more information about joining



"It teaches young people to appreciate not only American history, but that they have a link back to those days, that 'hey, part of my family was there to help build this great country.'

It gives you a sense of stability."

Robert Hitchings,
Cavalier Society senior president

Cavalier Society, contact Hitchings at 423-1206.

Name: Robert Burgess Hitchings.

What brought you to this area: I am about the sixth generation born and raised here.

Hometown: Norfolk.

Birthdate: Oct. 17.

Nickname: None.

Occupation: I was a laboratory technician for 25 years for the Norfolk Utility Department. Now I am a full-time student at Norfolk's Tidewater Community College and Old Dominion University working on my degree in history. I hope to teach school some day.

Marital status: Seventeen years of marriage. I married Cefirina Viljar Cardenas from the Philippines, who was also working at the Utilities Department as a chemist.

Children: Patrick Burgess Hitchings, 15, a sophomore at Catholic High School, and Paul Robert Hitchings, 12, a sixth grader at St. Pius X Catholic School.

Favorite movies: "A Room With a View" starring Vanessa Redgrave; and "Idiot's Delight" with Clark Gable and Norma Shearer.

Magazines I regularly read: National Geographic, British Heritage, Reader's Digest and Guidepost.

Favorite authors: Marcia Davenport, Edith Wharton and O Henry.

Favorite night out on the town: Dinner at Freemason Abby and then a performance at the Harrison Opera House.

Favorite restaurants: Oh Brian's at Ward's Corner.

Favorite meal: Mashed potatoes, liver and onions, collards and coffee.

What most people don't know about me: I like looking at silent movies!

Best thing about myself: I am tall and thin and can eat anything and never have to worry about my weight.

Worst habit: Always misplacing my eyeglasses.

Pets: Figaro, my 17-year-old cat.

Hobbies: Doing genealogical research, sailing, canoeing and collecting old Norfolk and Virginia Beach postcards of this area. I also collect old records, 1910-1930.

Ideal vacation: To travel in England, particularly the countryside.

Pet peeves: People who spit in the street and keep their hats on while eating in a restaurant.

First job: Sears and Roebuck customer service.

Worst job: Baby-sitting twins (boys) who were quite impish.

Favorite sports team: The Corsairs basketball team at St. Pius X School. My son, Paul, is on the team.

Favorite musicians: George Frederick Handel, 1685-1759.

Most embarrassing moment: Being at a restaurant, rising to get up and catching a tuxedo button from my shirt on the table and almost overturning the entire table. And, yes, there were guests and food at the table.

I would like my epitaph to read: "His noble enthusiasm inspired the lives of many."

If I received \$1 million: I would set aside funds for my sons' education, historical preservation and an endowment for the Norfolk campus of Tidewater Community College.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would like to encourage the American people to look back in retrospect at all the accomplishments America has made. We are a new country (220 years old) and look where we are today. Look back with pride at the hard work each generation made for our country.

THE ARTS

ARTS BRIEFS

The Olde Towne Gallery, 341 High St. in Portsmouth, is pleased to announce its upcoming showing of specialty woodwork created by Charles Weiss. Approximately 20 items employing the new technique of helical milling will be displayed by Weiss in the form of candlesticks, spiraling sculptures, walking sticks and intriguing lamps. The show opens at 2 p.m. April 6 and will run through April 30.

"Boys' Life" by Howard Korder, a post-modern comedy of manners directed by Jerald D. Pope, will be performed at 8 p.m. April 11 - 13 and at 2 p.m. April 13 - 14 in the Studio, Room 6 of the Fine Arts Building at Virginia Wesleyan College.

There will be one midnight performance on Saturday, April 13. Admission is \$5; reservations are requested and can be made by calling 455-5700.

"See How They Run," a farce about the goings-on at a not-so-peaceful, rural English vicarage, will be presented by the Little Theatre of Portsmouth on April 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28.

Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m.

Performances will be at Wilson High School at 1401 Elmhurst Ln. in Portsmouth. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens, students and enlisted military. Group rates are available with advance notice. Call 488-7866 for reservations.

Well-known clay sculptor Karen Hovar of Eure, N.C. will repeat her successful three-week class in figure sculpture at The Potrafa Gallery in downtown Portsmouth.

The class will meet on Monday mornings beginning April 8 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. This will be the last opportunity to study with Hovar for sometime due to her upcoming travel schedule.

While the class has pre-signed enough students to be offered, there are a few openings left. Call Wayne Potrafa at The Potrafa Gallery at 399-4774 or home at 488-4013 to reserve a space.

The Commodore Chorus, Greater Hampton Roads Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of BarberShop Quartet Singing in America, will present their 1996 spring show, "Norman Rockwell's America," on Saturday, April 13 at the Maury High School in Norfolk.

The show will feature The Commodore Chorus under the direction of Ed Huenemann and Chorus Quartets. Special guests will be the renowned comedy quartet from Baltimore, The Allens. The show will be presented at a matinee at 2 p.m. at a cost of \$8. An evening performance will be presented at 8 p.m., with general admission at \$12 and patron (reserved) seats at \$15.

For tickets and further information, contact Red Mann, 499-1449, or Keith Willyard at 479-0232.



AN EVENING TO REMEMBER. The New Xavier Cugat Orchestra with Ada Cavallo will bring their show to Portsmouth's Willett Hall next week for one performance only.

Cugat Orchestra fires up the house!

The fourth concert of the season of Portsmouth Community Concerts will be The New Xavier Cugat Orchestra conducted by Ada Cavallo. It will be presented at Willett Hall at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 8.

The music of Barcelona-born and Cuban-raised Xavier Cugat is as familiar to Americans as that of a host of talents native to the U.S. The maestro's music played such a significant part in shaping the North American entertainment scene that his name alone has become synonymous with a major portion of today's popular music.

The compelling Latin rhythms so basic to the famous Cugat repertoire were only barely influential in this country until Cugat introduced them in vivid contexts during the early '30s.

Thanks to his ingenuity and pioneering, the churning, exciting beats of the Rhumba, Conga, Tango, Merengue, Cha-Cha and a string of other dance patterns are

not only a source of common enjoyment today, but have become a staple element in the Latin selections of most Big Band libraries.

Cavallo is a young woman who has the exciting ability to make you feel she is performing for you alone. Static electricity is the only way to describe this performer whose appearance on stage generates the excitement of a summer storm! Petit in size but magnetic in talent, she combines eye, ear and sex appeal that are the perfect but rare combination of ingredients this dynamic girl possesses.

Her songs encompass her varied talents from deliciously done contemporary songs, fiery Latin tunes, soulful Flamenco and vibrant Spanish dance to tender ballads, and she does Broadway tunes with the bouncing sauciness of a true musical comedy trouper.

Born in Santo Domingo, Cavallo is the daughter of a Spanish father and Italian mother. The subscription campaign is from March 15 through April 30.

Music runs in her blood; her late father was a Symphony soloist and a teacher at the Conservatory of Music of the Dominican Republic, where she trained as a concert pianist and classical vocalist.

She came to the United States to further her studies and attended the Peabody Institute of Music in Baltimore, where she studied classical piano and voice.

Cavallo switched to pop music in high school when she was offered a job as a singer in a club in Washington, D.C.

A new subscriber to the concert season can attend this performance free. If a subscriber joins by April 8, \$3 will be deducted from the membership. A \$5 rebate will be given if two new members join after their names have been given as contacts.

Reciprocal concerts are at Franklin and Gloucester and Murfreesboro, N.C.

The subscription campaign is from March 15 through April 30.

Generic Theatre is "Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery"

The Generic Theater proudly presents the poignant, coming-of-age story of a young black woman in "Shakin' the Mess Outta Misery" by Shay Youngblood. Dr. Karen Turner Ward directs this poetic drama set in the rural South during the turbulent 1960s. At age 25, the central character Daughter looks back at her youth. Following the death of her mother, she was raised by a tight-knit community of strong, self-reliant African-American women. As she reflects, she becomes a child again reliving their lessons of survival, faith, healing and womanhood taught with generous doses of humor and warmth.

"This is a story that celebrates the common human spirit that we all share," said Ward. "Each woman in the story gives herself an integral piece of her heritage, her wisdom and her caring to raise a young girl thrown into tragic circumstances. It brings to mind the African proverb, 'It takes an entire village to raise a child.'

A variety of musical styles are incorporated. Gerard Johnson is the musical director.

"The story is delicately woven with unforgettable songs ranging from African ritualistic drums to heat-searing blues to euphoric

gospel," said Ward.

Ward earned a bachelor's degree in Drama/African and Afro-American Studies from the University of Virginia, a master's degree in Acting from Virginia Commonwealth University and a doctorate in Rhetorical Communication from Regent University. She currently chairs the Department of Fine and Performing Arts at Hampton University. She has also served on the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

Ward's directing credits include "The Colored Museum," "Desire Under the Elms," "The River Niger," "The Amen Corner," "Ain't Misbehavin'," "Dreamgirls" and "Little Shop of Horrors." Her acting credits include Jewel in "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," Widow of Florence in "All's Well That Ends Well," and the feature role of Billie Holiday in "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill."

"Shakin' The Mess Outta Misery" opens Friday, April 5 and runs through Sunday, April 28. Evening performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for Thursday and Sunday performances, \$10 for

Friday and Saturday. Student and senior discounts are available on Thursday and Sunday only. For reservations call the Generic Theater at 441-2160.

Oriental exhibit opens

Oriental brush paintings and calligraphy by Lee Nicholas are currently on display through April 17 at the Adult Learning Center in Virginia Beach.

Nicholas has been painting in the Oriental style since 1986. He studied oriental brush painting and calligraphy under Master Calligrapher Park Yoon Bok in Seoul, Korea.

His brush paintings and calligraphic works have won awards at national and international exhibits including the 1985 Korea National Calligraphy and Brush Painting Competition and the 1989 and 1995 Annual exhibitions of the Sumi-E Society of America.

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'Reflection of Innocents'

The Potrafa Gallery will debut the opening of "Reflection of Innocents," a multi-media showing by Portsmouth native Patrick Bullock on April 6 from 1-5 p.m. It continues through April 13. The gallery is located at 600 Washington St. in Olde Towne Portsmouth. Call 399-4774 for more information. Other Potrafa Gallery happenings for April include an acoustic concert by "Thistle and Roses" on Sunday, April 21. Admission is \$5.

Budding talent lauded

The Portsmouth Museums has announced the ribbon winners in the "Bestial Angels" art contest recently held at Tower Mall:

■ Ages 6 to 7 — first place,

Madison Furman, "Smoky The Cool Cat," from St. Christopher's, Portsmouth; second place, Kenneth Holmboe, "The Attack," St. Christopher's, Portsmouth; third place, Cassie Goeders, "Dogzilla," Deep Creek Central Elementary, Chesapeake.

■ Ages 8 to 9 — first place,

Rachel Feldberg, "Untitled," St. Christopher's, Portsmouth; second place, Emily Froelich, "Animal Angels," St. Christopher's, Chesapeake.

■ Ages 10 to 12 — first place,

Chris Stone, "The Guardian Orange Lion," Western Branch, Chesapeake; second place, Katie Keister, "The Puppy Angel," Western Branch, Chesapeake; third place, Brandon Blackwell, "Spike," Western Branch, Chesapeake.

■ Ages 13 to 15 — first place,

Rachael Beal, "Guardian Angel," Churchill High, Portsmouth.

Ribbon winners are on display at the Children's Museum of Virginia through April 12.

Portsmouth; third place, Mark Taylor, "Raving Lion," Deep Creek Central, Chesapeake.

■ Ages 10 to 12 — first place, Chris Stone, "The Guardian Orange Lion," Western Branch, Chesapeake; second place, Katie Keister, "The Puppy Angel," Western Branch, Chesapeake; third place, Brandon Blackwell, "Spike," Western Branch, Chesapeake.

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THE ARTS

Virginia Opera spring production takes buffs on a 'Carousel' ride

One of Broadway's most innovative musicals completes Virginia Opera's 1995-96 season as the company presents a breathtaking new production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel" at Norfolk's Eddyie C. and Stanley L. Harrison Opera House April 11-14.

Since its premiere in 1945, this story of star-crossed lovers has become a perennial favorite, boasting such familiar melodies as "If I Loved You" and "You'll Never Walk Alone." The cast and dancers will perform under the baton of veteran musical theater conductor Assistant Artistic Director Jerome Shannon.

Broadway director Greg Ganakas makes his Virginia Opera debut with "Carousel" while Virginia Ballet Theater's Frank Boeve serves as choreographer. Renowned designer Erfhard Rom created the scenery which has been built by Virginia Scenic.

The official production underwriter for "Carousel" is The Capital Group Companies/American Funds Group. In this 1873 story of star-crossed lovers who meet in a small New England fishing village, Billy Bigelow is the ne'er-do-well carnival barker who marries the innocent millgirl Julie Jordan, although the jealous carnival owner Mrs. Mullin and the entire town are against their union. Their new-

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found love turns to tragedy as Billy becomes a desperate thief, commits suicide and is allowed to return to earth for one day 15 years later to see his teenage daughter Louise. Spiritually, he reaches out to her and instills a sense of hope and dignity during her high school graduation with the musical finale "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Maestro Shannon most recently conducted performances of "The Barber of Seville," about which *The Richmond-Times Dispatch* cited the "unusually refined orchestral support" and has also conducted the company's productions of "Die Fledermaus" (1995), "La Boheme" (1995), "West Side Story" (1994), "Don Giovanni" (1994) and "Don Pasquale" (1992).

Shannon also serves as artistic director of Virginia Opera's Department of Education and Community Outreach and director of the Company's Resident Spectrum Artist Programme, for which he selects and trains promising vocal talents.

Soprano Laura Knopf and baritone Russell Cusick portray the ill-fated lovers Julie and Billy. Knopf has performed frequently with Houston Grand Opera, most recently as Clorinda in "La Cenerentola" with Cecilia Bartoli, Frasquita in "Carmen," and Contessa Cavaradossi in "Rigoletto."

Russell Cusick returns to Virginia Opera, also making his role debut as the swaggering carnival barker Billy Bigelow. Cusick portrayed General Paz in Virginia Opera's world premiere of *Thea Musgrave's "Simon Bolivar"* (1995) and made previous appearances in the company's productions of "Salome" (First

Very Special Arts Virginia and Princess Anne High to team up for classic musical 'Grease'

The Virginia Beach chapter of Very Special Arts Virginia and the Princess Anne High School West Building Players will present "Grease" April 12-14 at Larkspur Middle School.

The production will feature students with disabilities from Princess Anne High School's West Building and their "shadows" from Cox, First Colonial, Green Run, Kellam, Kempville, Princess Anne and Tidwell high schools.

The musical production is adapted from the movie and produced by Shirley Shapiro, special education

Beach OK's arena study, wants local consultants

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retaining a professional sports franchise, the amount of private sector support needed from major businesses, the number of luxury boxes that could be sold, the demographics of the Hampton Roads area and its impact on the affordability of admission to professional basketball or ice hockey games and other issues.

Councilman Robert K. Dean said he agreed with Jones, that he would like to go forward with the study, but that it can't be biased.

Councilman Linwood Branch asked whether it was the intent to build a stadium first and then try to lure someone in or to have a team interest in the beginning to occupy and lease the stadium.

City Manager James K. Spore said that that issue will come up, that there are two ways to get a team — to relocate an existing franchise or to expand a league.

Oberndorf said that every arena she knows of is built in a city setting, rather than a suburban area and that expectations are that the arena would be downtown Norfolk. In previous discussion, the Beach council has

indicated the location should be left open until after the study.

Branch said he also supported Jones on the successes and failures of arenas in other parts of the country. "I want to know why some failed and some were successful."

Oberndorf said that the arena would not be expected to make money, Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. said that the city should be part of the process regardless of how or by whom the consultant is selected.

He said that without the support of Virginia Beach, the arena will fail.

He said that Virginia Beach is the biggest city in the region. He said that this is the largest metropolitan area without a major sport in the country and that he would hate for the consultant to get the message it doesn't want to participate.

"It is if the will of the region to move ahead, we should go along and follow the will of the majority. We could send the wrong message nationally."

He said that the city should look carefully at participating at this stage.

"We need to have input at the nearest possible stage. We can't be there unless we are going to

participate...so we can be at the table to send the message that we want to attract a major league to Hampton Roads."

Harrison said that the city should cast its vote with the majority so that "we can have a seat on the executive committee, so we can be aware of the progress." That way, he said, the city can keep the process unbiased and be a watchdog.

Councilwoman Barbara Henley said that she was more comfortable having a public agency handle public money. She said it was still not clear to her why that wouldn't be acceptable. "It's very important we know there are no predetermined conclusions. If it's not a good idea we need to know that."

Councilwoman Nancy Parker said that most arenas are not making money. She also wanted to know how the arena, which may be used for functions other than sports, would mix with Beach plans for a convention center. Some concern also has been expressed about the effect of a multipurpose arena on the city's amphitheater.

As for slowing the process by using a public agency, Branch said he didn't understand what difference a few months would make.

To Oberndorf's comment that Mayors and Chairs felt the process would be expedited more rapidly by

using a private agency, Henley said that she didn't think "we're looking for ways to get around the law."

The larger issue is not the study but the larger project, "whether we'd be obligating our taxpayers a major portion of the debt. I'm deeply concerned about the issue of having a biased or an unbiased study."

Easter makes quiet entry at Cape Henry

The 69th Annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Cape Henry Memorial Cross on Fort Story on Easter Sunday, April 7 at sunrise, 6:42 a.m.

The service will be ecumenical with Chaplain (Major General) Matthew A. Zimmerman, U. S. Army (Ret.), director of Veteran's Administration National Chaplain Center, VA Medical Center in Hampton delivering the sermon.

The music for the service will be provided by the Armed Forces School of Music Band, Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek.

In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held at 7 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 36th Street and Pacific Avenue in Virginia Beach.

A SALUTE TO THE MILITARY

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NBC News crews. NBC News is planning to air the show next Wednesday.

Fraim, who was also at the council meeting as a nominee to fill a school board seat which will be vacated by resignation, said that the show is being produced by Frank Decolator and the area covered will start with Seabright Beach in New Jersey. Also included are the ongoing truck hauling of sand in the resort area, the \$10.2 million Hurricane Protection Plan at the resort beach, and the \$9.8 million Sandbridge Beach replenishment project.

Fraim said that he was alarmed that neither council members or the city manager was contacted by NBC. Councilwoman Nancy Parker cast the other dissenting vote on the appropriation.

Fraim said that his understanding was that the program had something to do with the way federal funds were being spent.

The city's congressional delegation has been requested to pursue a "new start" funding for the Sandbridge project in federal fiscal

year 97.

Major Meyera Oberndorf said that she would like the message to get out that the taxes of the citizens of Virginia Beach are used to help flood and other victims of natural catastrophes. There is nothing unique about using federal taxes for erosion relief.

Councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn said that one sad thing is that the station personnel did no bother to talk to the people who make the decisions.

Fraim said that the projects north and south of Dam Neck are referred to as park, but not Dam Neck.

It's all right to spend federal dollars to protect their investment, he said.

Vice Mayor William D. Sessions Jr. said he was concerned that the Beach Borough representative (Linwood Branch) was not contacted.

Dean, who had been contacted by NBC, said that he had met with Henley and informed her and the city manager that he had been contacted by NBC. Other council members were pretty much in the dark about the whole episode.

Henley said she understood that the program was just about erosion on the East Coast.

Fraim said he believes the focus of the program is on the tax dollars that are being thrown away.

Reaching out to homeless

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tasting — featuring wines from Australia, Chile, America, Italy, France, Germany — and all the gourmet pizza you can eat for \$15. Kourrides will donate a percentage of the proceeds Help Us Help.

A civic-minded Kourrides hopes to open a new restaurant in the near future and hire homeless people to work there.

"I would like to support and encourage homeless people by teaching them practical life skills. These people need more than a hand out, they need to have a trade in order to break the cycle of homelessness," said Kourrides.

Rom brings numerous credit in the opera field to his debut with Virginia Opera. Most recently, his productions have included "The Barber of Seville" for Ithaca College, and "The Tales of Hoffmann" for Madison Opera and Chautauqua Opera. Among others, he has designed "The Marriage of Figaro" for San Francisco Opera Center and "The Merry Widow" for Minnesota Opera.

"Carousel" tickets are now on sale for the five performances which include two matinees and three evening dates. Ticket prices range from \$22 to \$49 and discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Call the Virginia Opera box office at 623-1223 for tickets.

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Want help with your taxes and a faster refund check? Free income tax assistance and electronic filing for the 1995 tax year will be offered through April 15.

The Navy's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is open to active duty, retired and reserve military members and their families for help in preparing 1995 federal and state income tax returns. Electronic filing is a new service this year, available at

designated tax assistance sites.

Services are free and available with no appointment on a first-come, first-served basis.

Times are Wednesday evenings, 3 - 7 p.m. at NFSC Oceana, Building 531; Thursday evenings, 3 - 7 p.m. at NFSC Dam Neck, Building 522; and, Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. - noon at NFSC Oceana, Building 531.

For more information, call Navy Family Services Center at 433-9675.

PAVE group meetings set

Partners Against Violent Environments (PAVE) meets every Tuesday from 8:30 - 10 a.m. at NAS Oceana, Building 333 in Virginia Beach.

The group helps women deal with relationship conflicts before they lead to violence. It is open to female active duty military service members and female family members of active duty personnel.

PAVE has a structured format

that offers helpful information and a supportive atmosphere for problem-solving and sharing personal experiences. Free child care is available for group participants.

For more information or to discuss other counseling needs, call Lisa Davies at Navy Family Services Center-Oceana at 433-2912.

Codependency support slated

A codependency support group meets every Wednesday from 3 - 4:30 p.m. at NAS Oceana Counseling and Assistance Center.

Are you tired of focusing on other people's needs at the expense of your own? If you feel that way often, you may benefit from participating in the free codependency group offered by Navy Family Service Center.

For more information or to discuss other counseling needs, call the intake counselor at 433-2912.

Parents, children 'klowning' around

A parent/child play group, "Just Klowning Around," meets every Wednesday from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the NAS Oceana Community Center in Virginia Beach.

Learn more about the importance of playing and enhance your toddler or preschooler's social skills.

Shanti Journey open to active duty military

A support group for adults molested as children meets every Thursday from 3 - 4:30 p.m. at NAS Oceana, Building 333 in Virginia Beach.

This group, "The Shanti Journey," is available to active duty service members only and

Oceana. Codependency is a problem similar to alcohol and drug addiction. The codependency group, open to all active duty service members, helps participants develop healthier and more personally fulfilling relationship patterns.

For more information or to discuss other counseling needs, call the intake counselor at 433-2912.

Activities include arts and crafts, music, parent discussion and much more. Free child care may be available on a limited basis.

For registration or more information, call Navy Family Services Center at 433-2055.

addresses ways to resolve past issues of sexual trauma in a safe environment.

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Betty Bailey Allen, a native of Virginia Beach, product of the Virginia Beach City School System and graduate of Old Dominion College, has been selected by her colleagues to be the 1996/97 Teacher of the Year at Independence Middle School.

Dr. Edith Eidsom, principal at I.M.S., shared this about Allen:

"In a brief four years Betty Allen has made a significant impact upon the Independence community — students, parents, and faculty. Her own willingness to adapt to the changing needs of the school helped demonstrate that people can learn new material and accept new challenges... The good student soars ahead; the at-risk student has his or her hand held as she leads him or her to success... Teachers know she will go the extra mile..."

"Quiet, efficient, friendly, unassuming, offering encouragement to whomever needs it, Betty Allen accepts each day as a new challenge and the opportunity to enable every student to be successful. Every child should have someone like her during their school career. Every principal should have teachers who are as consistent and dependable as she is."

For the last four years Allen has taught at I.M.S.

Previously she taught at Beatie F. Williams and Kemps Landing. During the last three years she has taught sixth and seventh grade reading and study skills, and sixth and seventh grade computer exploratory.

Karen Orr, a parent, commented, "Her positive attitude influenced my son's determination to keep trying and not give up. You never know she pushes a cart through crowded hallways every hour, both she and students trying to get to class on time. She goes through the day spreading her cheer to all those around her. She is a sound example of what I think a teacher should be."

Nick Piascik, a former student of Mrs. Allen's had this to say, "Mrs. Allen regularly gives



Courtesy Photo

SPECIAL PRIVILEGE. As Independence Middle School's new Teacher of the Year, Betty Allen is "parked" on success. She couldn't wait to use her new parking spot upon the announcement.

praise to the students. Unlike some teachers, she tends to focus on positive things. She sponsors extra-curricular activities (newspaper and computer clubs) and shows students that there is more to school than just work and grades."

The following quote is displayed prominently in each of the four rooms that Allen holds classes: "It's not your aptitude, it's your attitude that determines your altitude!"

It was taken from a speech delivered by Jessie Jackson. This is part of her philosophy of teaching. At the beginning of each new grading period the quote is torn apart and analyzed as to its meaning.

"Then, her students are encouraged to memorize it and make it a part of their own learning philosophy. They are challenged to see how it can help them be successful in all of their endeavors.

"I learned early in life from my parents that great joy and satisfaction can be derived from helping

other people. Ever since I can remember I aspired to be a teacher. I wanted to make a difference in people's lives," stated Allen.

She has a unique philosophy that likens students to the seeds of an apple.

"Only God knows how many apple trees or apples will come from one seed. The potential is there, but only God knows how great it is. I believe God has allowed me to be a teacher to water and nurture His seeds. I rely on Him to give me the wisdom in dealing with each student He has put before me. I strive to establish a rapport with students that will allow me to influence them to reach their fullest potential."

Allen is a career teacher who is on the Faculty Council as well as the School Planning Council. In addition, she is co-chairman of the Safe School Committee and the Saturday Detention Committee, chairman of the Guidance Action Team of the Strategic Plan, school information liaison, newspaper sponsor, computer club sponsor and teaches computer classes after school to other teachers for staff development.

Pam Shearin nominated Allen for Teacher of the Year and had this to say,

"Betty works with all types of students, including at risk and special ed. She strives hard to reach the needs of all her students and to encourage positive self-esteem and self-confidence. She believes in rewarding students with plenty of praise for the work they have done.

"They are given extra chances to master skills, complete make-up work, and succeed. She is encouraging and supportive to other teachers as well as staff members and their endeavors. The 'BZY TCHR' license plate on her car is very appropriate. She is indeed busy, but busy caring about and helping others."

Edison summed it all up in a nutshell, "Betty Allen is a warm, caring teacher with the innate ability to make each student feel capable, valued, respected and successful."

"I learned early in life from my parents that great joy and satisfaction can be derived from helping

Ocean Lakes teens blast off!

School, space organizations team up to build rocket

By MARGARET WINLEY
Sun Correspondent

Nose cone, fins, Bulkhead and frame. Parachute. Engineering and ignition system. Instrumentation. Payload. Tracking and recovery.

With a few more work teams to finish the outline, the students at Ocean Lakes High School should be firing off their very own rocket around the end of May at NASA's Wallops Island Flight Facility and recovering it after it parachutes back to earth.

Talk about the ultimate science project!

The enterprise, which was facilitated for the school with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Space Society (NSS), and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) by the efforts of Virginia Beach City Councilman Robert Dean, will put an approximately 13-foot tall student designed and constructed missile into the atmosphere in about two months carrying an experimental payload to record atmospheric data.

Of course, although the Ocean Lakers are very intelligent, they won't be planning and building their rocket alone — but will be assisted by some of their own teachers and by project coordinators from NASA, the NSS and the AIAA.

The cost, which should run around \$1,000, will be entirely covered by the latter organization (the AIAA), who expect some savings from in-kind donations by interested businesses and individuals and the volunteer rocket building efforts of the students.

Diane DeTurris, the treasurer of the Langley Chapter of the National Space Society, was on hand at the school last week with David Hahn, president of the local chapter of the National Space Society, for a meeting with interested Ocean Lakers to begin planning for the missile.

"Our mission is to promote education and excite people about space," said DeTurris. "You guys have to do the design and make it work."

Although finishing by the end of May might sound overly ambitious, she explained that it would certainly be workable with the number present — perhaps about 100.

The plan is not to waste any



Photo by Margaret Winley

INTO THE FUTURE. A rocket program is being launched at Ocean Lakes High School by the National Space Society, NASA, and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Students like freshman Larry Warren Jr. and sophomore Drew Petzold, shown admiring a rocket display in the school foyer, will do the actual design and construction.

time. Design takes longer than the actual construction."

Looking out into the sea of faces before her, she explained that there were enough students to break into separate groups to handle the different tasks involved.

"We can certainly organize plenty of people with this number," she said. "You will focus on your part of the rocket."

Breaking the tasks into 13 separate areas, she handed out applications for students and teachers to fill out with names and preferences for work team areas. Hahn also addressed the students.

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Diane DeTurris,
National Space Society

"We believe that we can work boldly here to make this into a spacefaring society," he said. "Population centers have a tendency to build up around seaports because people flock to transportation systems."

As one who expects to see routine space travel soon, he added his belief that the area would soon most likely be home to a space port. "We want to see that as soon as possible and are building the space program at the local high school levels."

Students and teachers alike were fascinated by the project. Lynne Bonaster, a senior taking advanced science and math courses, explained, "I think it's interesting,

and I think it will show us a little about certain jobs and things that are related to NASA and the school's programs. I think it will be an interesting opportunity."

Kathy Tabbert, a freshman taking earth science, was thrilled by the project, "Knowing that we would be first in all Virginia Beach to do it."

"I just want to see it. I have it done before," said Tori Roberts, a freshman who is taking algebra. "And I feel it would be a good thing to put on an application."

Larry Warren Jr., a freshman who wants to be an astronomer or a geologist, expressed an interest in the program also.

"I built a rocket in seventh grade in Technology Education course," he admitted.

Drew Petzold, a sophomore who wants to be a rocket engineer, was also interested. "I have launched a few rockets before for fun," he said.

Michelle Bailey Hennessey, an earth science teacher, decided that she would want to assist.

"Working with the instrumentation, the payload, with the weather instruments," she said. "Astronomy and weather are two components of earth science."

Mark Forget, a communications skills teacher, explained that the project was not just for science teachers.

"Communications skills are the number one aspect of teamwork in a NASA project," he said. "Reading, writing, speaking, listening, and being able to work in teams and solve problems are the number one need for employers in the 21st century. Communications skills are cross-disciplinary."

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarships are available to high school seniors who have completed two years or are in the second year of a Technical and Career Education program. Four scholarships will be awarded by the TCE Foundation:

■ A \$250 scholarship and a \$500 scholarship for students enrolled in TCE programs in the high schools.

■ A \$500 scholarship for a senior at the Technical and Career Education Center, and

■ A \$500 scholarship for a senior at the Career Development Center.

For an application, call Technical and Career Education at 426-5724. The deadline for applications is May 10.



Giraffe Program names Seatack Volunteer Fire Department for special award

The Giraffe Program, in cooperation with Birdneck Elementary School, has nominated the remaining members of the Seatack Volunteer Fire Department for a national Giraffe honor. The program, which teaches youths to "stick their necks out" to help others, is sponsored by NAS Oceana. The Seatack Volunteer Fire Department was founded in 1948 by a group of concerned citizens who saw a need in their community.

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Tax increase proposed

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percent increase over the current budget, includes cafeteria, textbook and grant funds as well as operations, debt service and current revenue capital costs by category. The city's share of the recommended school budget would contain a 13.5 percent increase over the current year.

Even if every dollar of the anticipated revenue growth increase (approximately \$27 million without the tax increase) were turned over to the schools, it would still not be enough to meet the school board's requested increase of \$37 million, said Block.

For the protection of both the schools and the city, Block said, the budget is putting aside another \$1 million until after Sept. 30. After attendance figures are taken and if a shortfall is expected the money will be there and if not the money can be used to expand the school program.

In a normal year when a growth rate of 9 percent could be expected, said block, not tax increase would be necessary. Also, to give the school system all it requested, another 8.8 cent increase in the tax rate would be needed.

The total budget reflects a 6.44 percent increase over the present budget with the greatest portion going to the schools. Of the remainder, \$348,342,876 is allocated for city side functions, a 5.72 percent increase over the present budget and \$77,879,898 for utilities (which is a self-sustaining operation) or a 3.91 percent increase over the present budget. Another \$12,330,733 or a 36.33 percent increase is in enterprise funds.

Other highlights in the operating budget include:

■ Funding equivalent to 3.3 percent of payroll is included for pay increases for city employees. Although the school board is responsible for providing for salary increases, the city staff believes that school funding recommendations will permit similar adjustments for school employees.

In addition to direct compensation, another 1.4 percent of payroll (approximately \$2 million) is included to pay for increased VRS retirement contributions for employees, the first installment of several years of increases resulting from statewide adjustments to insure the integrity of the VRS system. The provisions provide for increases equivalent to 4.7 percent of the payroll.

■ The employee compensation package recommended in the budget includes a minimum and maximum pay for each title of two percent which will allow long-time employees to receive a merit increase of at least two percent. Existing positions will be brought to the minimum of their pay range on July 1, 1996. In line with the city's policy of paying at the top of the local market, employees' salaries will be brought to the new minimums on merit dates. A 4.5 percent merit adjustment will be provided to eligible employees on their merit date.

■ Mass transit funding has been increased by over 40 percent to address as much as possible huge cutbacks in federal support.

■ Six additional firefighters are included to protect station staffing levels.

■ Over 30 new positions are recommended for the Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Departments to expand services - the positions are fully funded from Medicaid reimbursement.

■ Additional funds are allocated throughout the budget to replace vehicles and equipment.

Staffing is included to operate the

Seatack Recreation Center beginning late in the fiscal year.

Not included in the budget is an increase in fees by the Southeastern Public Service Authority to help cover recycling costs. The increase will be considered April 28 at a SPSA meeting.

Public Notice

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that at the meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to be held on the 23rd day of April, 1996, at 6:00 p.m., at the City Hall of the City of Virginia Beach, Princess Anne Station, the undersigned will petition the City Council for the appointment of Viewers to view the below-described portion of that certain street and to report to the City Council whether in the opinion of the Viewers, what, if any, inconvenience would result from the vacating, closing and discontinuance of same, the said portion of said street being described as follows:

ALL THAT tract, piece or parcel of land situated in the City of Virginia Beach, Commonwealth of Virginia, being described as follows: Commencing at a point at the intersection of the easterly bounds of Vista Circle (50') (Map Book 7, page 167) and the northerly bounds of Lynnhaven Drive (Var.) (formerly Lynnhaven Avenue, Map Book 7, page 167); thence N 84 degrees 12' 00"E, along the northerly bounds of Lynnhaven Drive, 246.43' to the point of beginning; thence N 84 degrees 12' 00"E, along the northerly bounds of Lynnhaven Drive, said line also being the southerly bounds of Lot 6, Block 9, Lynnhaven Drive, (Map Book 7, page 167), 90.00' to a point of curvature; thence continuing along the same bounds on a curve to the left having a radius of 25.00', an arc length of 39.27', to a point in the westerly bounds of Lynnhaven Condominium (Map Book 139, page 49); thence S 05 degrees 48' 00"E, 52.00' to a point; thence on S 84 degrees 12' 00"W, 115.00 to a point; thence N 05 degrees 48' 00"W, 27.00' to the point of beginning containing 0.074 acres (329 sq. ft.) of land.

All the above, as shown upon that certain plat entitled "Re subdivision of Lot 6, Block 9, Plat of Lynnhaven Shores and a Portion of Lynnhaven Drive, Map Book 7, page 167," made by Kellam-Gerwig Engineering, Inc., dated March 29, 1996.

At that time, anyone affected may appear and present his views.

After the report of the Viewers is received, at the next regular meeting of the City Council, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be placed on the agenda, the undersigned will petition the City Council, to vacate, close and discontinue the portion of that street in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, described above.

HICKORY PROPERTIES, L.L.C.

By R. Edward Bourdon, Jr., Esquire

SYKES, CARNES, BOURDON & AHERN, P.C.

Pembroke One, The Fifth Floor

Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462-2989

(804) 499-8971

Shores, which plat is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Map Book 108, at Page 45, and from said point of beginning proceeding North 39 degrees 48' 00"E 29' 72" feet to a point; Thence North 26 degrees 34' 00"E 31.30 feet to a point; Thence North 50 degrees 02' 00"E 63.90 feet to a point; Thence North 30 degrees 04' 00" West 21.90 feet to a point; Thence North 01 degrees 56' 00"E 39.00 feet to a point; Thence North 73 degrees 26' 00"E 36.04 feet to a point; Thence in a Southeasterly direction along a curve with the radius of 165.00 degrees an arc distance of 23.60 feet to a point; Thence in a Southeasterly direction along the arc of a curve with a radius of 89.93 degrees an arc distance of 40.18 feet to a point; Thence South 49 degrees 00' 17" East 69.39 feet to a point; Thence South 64 degrees 34' 40" West 118.07 feet to a point; Thence in a Northwesternly direction along the arc of a curve with a radius of 50 degrees an arc distance of 244.32 feet to the Point of Beginning.

At that time, anyone affected may appear and be heard.

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Public Notice

Take notice that on 4/5/96, at 10:00 A.M. at the premises of 4747 Shore Dr. Va Beach, Va, the undersigned will sell at Public Auction, for cash, reserving unto itself the right to bid, the following vehicle.

1989 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE

Serial # 1G2H54C6K9W298123

14-04

17-4-5

Public Notice

Take notice that on 4/8/96, at 10:00 A.M. at the premises of 4747 Shore Dr. Va Beach, Va, the undersigned will sell at Public Auction, for cash, reserving unto itself the right to bid, the following vehicle.

1985 MERCURY TOPAZ

Serial # 1MEBP75XSF619010

14-05

17-4-5

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, April 23, 1996 at 3:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING

CLASSIFICATION: PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH

1.

An Ordinance upon Application of T.J. Slack & Co., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-18 Apartment District to R-3 Residential Single Family District on the west side of Lincoln Avenue, south of Bancroft Avenue on Lots 39 & 40, Block 14, Pecan Gardens. The proposed zoning classification change to R-3S is for single family land use on lots no less than 5,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for urban medium high density at densities that are compatible with multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 729 Lincoln Avenue and contains 5,000 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH

2.

An Ordinance upon Application of EconoLube N' Tyme #178 for a

Conditional Use Permit for an automotive repair establishment at the northwest corner of Holland

Road and Arthur Avenue on Lots 7-

10 and 16 - 20, Block 3, Pecan

Gardens. Said parcels contain

22,233 square feet. PRINCESS

ANNE BOROUGH.

PUNGO BOROUGH

3.

An Ordinance upon Application of Neighborhood Assembly of God,

for Conditional Use Permit for a

church on the east side of Princess

Ane Road, south of Vaughn Road. Said parcel is located at 1196 Princess Anne Road and contains 11,649 acres. PUNGO BOROUGH. VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH

4.

An Ordinance upon Application of Sunray Court Associates, L.P., for a Conditional Use Permit for housing for the elderly on certain property located at the southeast intersection of Arctic Avenue and 28th Street. Said parcel contains 1,234 acres. VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH.

STREET CLOSURE:

5.

Application of VB/South Building, L.L.C., for a Discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of 8th Street between Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Avenue. Said parcel is variable in width and contains 22,738 square feet. VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing Impaired, call TDD/TDD Telephone Device for the Deaf).

14-02

Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS OFFICE

IN RE:

Plaintiff(s)

V. Bryan Hunt

Defendant(s)

ORDER OF PUBLICATION - CASE NO. CH96-964

The object of this suit is for Plaintiff Hunt to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii on the grounds of one year separation from Bryan Hunt.

It is ORDERED that Bryan Hunt appear and protect his interest, or before May 15, 1996, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

March 22, 1996
DATE

J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Bill Maull
Deputy Clerk

14-01

414-26

Public Notice

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

MARCH 27, 1996

EDWARD S. FERESEE, DECEASED

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 64.1-171, as amended, Code of Virginia, that the undersigned Commissioner of Accounts, having been requested by Wilson B. Dodson, III, Executor of the Estate of Edward S. Ferebee, deceased, has appointed the 24th day of April, 1996, at 3:00 p.m., at 129 South Great Neck Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23454, as the time and place for receiving proof of debts and demands against the decedent or his estate.

Stanley A. Phillips,

Commissioner of Accounts

14-03

17-4-5

Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, a municipal corporation, Petitioner,

v.

THE ESTATE OF ELLA LOUISE MOSELEY, n/k/a ELLA LOUISE MOSELEY RANDAL, her heirs, devisees, creditors and successors in title of ELLA LOUISE MOSELEY, deceased, who are made parties defendant by the general description of "Parties Unknown"; 767 Sq. Ft. Permanent Variable Width

Virginia Power Easement situated

in the City of Virginia Beach,

Virginia, more particularly shown

on that plat entitled "PLAT SHOWING A VARIABLE

WIDTH EASEMENT CONVEYED TO VIRGINIA

POWER COMPANY LTD C-295

INDIAN RIVER ROAD PHASE 6

FROM ELLA LOUISE MOSELEY."

Said plat being recorded in Map Book 242, at page 68, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Defendant.

At LAW NO. CL95-1881

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to an order entered on the 6th day of March, 1996, this notice is hereby given:

In this proceeding, the petitioner seeks to acquire by condemnation the title to certain parcel of land, or interest therein, situated in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, for the uses and purposes of the petitioner, for Indian River Road Phase VI Project (CIP 2-095), all of which are described more particularly in the petition and exhibits attached thereto on file in the office of the Clerk of this Court, to which reference is made for a full and accurate description thereof; and for the listing of commissioners to ascertain just compensation to the owners of any estate or interest in the property to be taken or affected as a result of the taking and use thereof by the petitioner.

For such purposes, the petitioner will apply to the Court, sitting at Municipal Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on the 17th day of April, 1996, at 10:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as petitioner may be heard, for the appointment of commissioners to ascertain just compensation as aforesaid and to set a trial date.

If you fail to appear and submit a list of prospective commissioners at the date and time hereinabove specified, the undersigned will move the Court to ascertain the amount of just compensation for said land and to set a trial date as provided by statute.

And it is appearing by affidavit filed according to law that the heirs of ELLA LOUISE MOSELEY, n/k/a ELLA LOUISE MOSELEY RANDAL, are unknown and some may or may not be residents of the State of Virginia or their names and addresses not known and that diligence has been used by and on behalf of the petitioner to ascertain such names and addresses without effect; it is ORDERED that the aforesaid owners appear in the Clerk's Office of this Court within ten (10) days after due publication of this notice and do what is necessary to protect their interests; and it is further ORDERED that if any of the owners desires to assert any objection or defense to the taking or damaging of his property or to the jurisdiction of the court to hear the case and to proceed with the appointment of commissioners or the Court deciding the issue of just compensation he shall file his answer and grounds of defense designating the property in which he claims to be interested, the grounds of any objection or 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They do add up!

The 1996 Unkhorn Park Elementary School Aluminum Can Drive resulted in more than 2,500 pounds of aluminum. The funds derived from the can drive will be used to buy additional books for the school's media center. Since beginning three years ago, the drive has donated more than \$2,500 to the center. The top three can-saving families were: the Whites, with 11,215 cans (Justin is a fifth grader); the Humphreys, 2,570 cans (Macon is a second grader and Bryce is a kindergartener); and, the Couchs with 2,500 cans (Kendall is a third grader). The top three families received movie tickets and gift certificates to local restaurants. Shown with their prizes, from left, are Bryce Humphrey, Macon Humphrey, Justin White and Kendall Couch.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clubs

Princess Anne Woman's Club of Virginia Beach will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 11 a.m. at Tandom's Pine Tree Inn.

The Cape Henry Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, April 11 at 11 a.m. at Tandom's Pine Tree Inn, 2923 Virginia Beach Blvd. For more information, call 340-7255 or 627-5297.

The Pickett-Buchanan Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will meet at 11 a.m. on April 18 at the Golden Corral Restaurant on North Newtowm Road in Virginia Beach. For information and reservations, call Mrs. Walker at 855-9586.

The Beach Democratic Club will hold their meeting Saturday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. at Morrison's Cafeteria on Lakin Road in Virginia Beach. The guest speaker will be Reba McLean, former member of Virginia Beach City Council. For further information, call 464-0560 or 481-3865.

The Retired Officers Wives Society of Tidewater will hold their April Luncheon and Hat Contest at the NAS Oceana Officers Club on Thursday, April 11. The social hour will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:15 p.m. The cost is \$10. The program will be Jeanne Evans, chief of staff to Congressman Owen Pickett, speaking on "What's Going On in Washington of Interest to Older Women."

For reservations call 437-9295 or 499-5016. Deadline for paid reservations or cancellations is Monday, April 8 at 5 p.m.

The Elizabeth River Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will hold a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. on April 10 at the Diamond Restaurant, 135 Kempville Rd. in Norfolk. Dinner cost is \$12. Call Betty Cunningham at 467-5455.

Dr. Robert A. Nash from the Primary Prevention Group will speak at the monthly meeting of Princess Anne AARP Chapter 5119 on Tuesday, April 9 at 1 p.m. at the Princess Anne Recreation Center, 1400 Ferrell Pkwy., Virginia Beach. His topic will be "Facts About America's Best Kept Medical Secret - Chelation Therapy."

Prior to the meeting at 12:30 p.m., the Virginia Beach Health Department will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information, call 427-7286.

Education

Landsdown Elementary School will hold a McDonald's Spelling Bee on April 11 for second through fifth graders beginning at 9:15 a.m. for the second and third grades. The fourth and fifth graders will begin at 10 a.m.

The 46th Annual Conference of the Virginia Association for Adult and Continuing Education (VAACE) will be held at the Virginia Beach Sheraton Oceanfront on April 11 - 13. Adult educators from around the state will attend meetings and workshops. They will also visit the Virginia Beach Adult Learning Center.

Health

The Virginia Beach Health Department, together with Sentara Bayside Hospital, is offering free and convenient childhood immunizations. The second Saturday of every month, an immunization clinic will be held for children in the cafeteria at Sentara Bayside Hospital at 800 Independence Blvd. in Virginia Beach. The next scheduled clinic will be held on April 13 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. This clinic is a "walk-in" clinic; no need for an appointment!

Government

The Virginia Beach Agricultural Advisory Commission will hold a special meeting on Monday, April 8 regarding the Agricultural Reserve Program (ARP). The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Agriculture Conference Room, Building, Municipal Center, Virginia Beach. For further information, call 426-5775.

Miscellaneous

Catholic Charities and the Young Adult Ministry is sponsoring a flea market on May 4 to benefit Gerard House, a home for pregnant homeless women. Spaces are available for \$10. Call 467-7707 to reserve your space.

Recreation

Virginia Beach Cooperative Extension and Master Gardeners will be giving out free tree seedlings for Arbor Day, Friday, April 12. Trees will be available at Kempville Library (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.), Central Library 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and Great Neck Library, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.). Available trees include sawtooth oak, dogwood, redbud, bald cypress, pine, witch hazel, green ash and river birch. Supplies will be limited on some species, come early.

Religion

The Divine Mercy Novena will take place April 5 - 13, accompanied by the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Relic Statue at several area churches and institutions.

Schedule in part includes: St. Matthew Catholic Church, Virginia Beach, Novena prayers 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. in adoration chapel throughout the week; Monday, April 8, Holy Family Retreat House, Hampton, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, April 9, St. Paul Catholic Church, Portsmouth, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, April 10, visit to CANDII House and procession and rosary

outdoors at Lafayette Park, 7:30 p.m. Norfolk, Friday, St. Matthew (church), Virginia Beach, 7 p.m. confessions, Divine Mercy prayers, rosary processions, guest speakers and videos will be offered during the novena.

Tabernacle United Methodist church will hold a Fried Chicken Dinner on Friday, April 12 from 4:30 - 7 p.m. Tickets are adults, \$5 and children, \$2.50. The church is located at 1265 Sandbridge Rd. in Virginia Beach. The menu is fried chicken, two vegetables, rolls, dessert, tea or coffee. Takeouts will be available. The ladies of the church will hold a bake sale. For more information, call 426-2200 or 426-6991.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

April is National Lawn Care Month

As winter's chill and drab colors recede, among the first plants to reflect the hues of spring are lawn grasses.

To celebrate the arrival of spring and the nation's focus on outdoor activities, the Professional Lawn Care Association of America has designated April as National Lawn Care Month.

According to PLCAA, the North American lawn care season officially starts in April, when more than 25 million acres of lawns are turning green just about everywhere. It's estimated that North Americans spend about 1 billion hours tending to lawns every year.

"A 1994 Gallup survey reported that nine out of 10 U.S. households recognize the value of a well-maintained lawn and landscape," says Ann E. McClure, PLCAA's

Take Your Wife to Work Day? Nah!

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You'd have thought I had suggested driving to the moon in my car by way Evan reacted.

"A movie? A movie? Look, babe, we're here for the long haul. We've got serious work to do. Now quit dreaming."

My "dream" shattered, the next job was helping him hoist cable here and there, feeding it through holes in the wall, tagging ends and finally reattaching the faceplates to the walls. Whew!

Finally, 11 p.m. arrived.

"Well, I think we put in a good night. We'll probably only have four or five more hours tomorrow," Evan explained.

"We?" I asked innocently.

"Sure, you can watch me while I install programs and help me clean everything up."

"Gee, I have to clean the house tomorrow," I countered, desperate for a response.

Evan suddenly looked downtrodden.

"You mean you don't want to help me tomorrow? Didn't you enjoy this?"

Putting a forced smile, I knew I had a little ego-soothing to do.

"Why sure, sweetie," I assured. "But our house really is a mess. Don't you want a clean house?"

"Well, I guess you do have something there," he finally said. "OK, I guess I can do it alone, but I'll miss you."

Yes, I missed Evan as he was gone yet another Saturday to do a job. But I didn't miss another Take Your Wife to Work Day. I can now say I have a healthy respect for what my hubby does.

Every time I put another load of his stinky work clothes in the washing machine I respect it.

Every time he comes home sweaty and dirty from lugging around heavy computers and bundles of cable, I respect it.

And, of course, every time he deposits another check in the bank, I respect it.

More power to you, darling, but let's forget getting the "little woman" involved in work. Now, how about that movie? And by the way, when will I be getting my paycheck?

HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

Where you live reflects salary compensation

How much you earn depends on where you live, according to William M. Mercer Inc.'s 1995/1996 Geographic Differentials Report.

The study, covering more than 200 U.S. cities and a wide range of job categories, evaluates salary differences based on geographic location. The results indicate that Richmond and Petersburg (both 0.8 percent below the national average) are closely in sync with the national salary average salaries are substantially lower than the norm.

In dollar amounts, a job that pays

\$50,000 on average nationally will pay \$49,960 in both Richmond and Petersburg and \$47,550 in Norfolk/Virginia Beach. However, no area of Virginia experienced the highs of San Jose, Calif. with salaries 19.4 percent above the

national average or lows of Brownsville, Texas with salaries 20 percent below the national average.

The report is designed to help compensation specialists identify salary differentials in metropolitan locales where their companies have operations. A principal component of salary differentials is the local cost of living.

"For a major employer with operations across the country, geographic salary differentials need to be factored into compensation programs to maintain fair hiring practices," said Steve Harris, principal and leader of Mercer's Performance and Rewards practice in Richmond. "A particular complication comes in relocating employees from comparatively higher-paying to lower-paying locales and vice-versa," he added.

Ford contributes \$100,000 to Virginia Wesleyan College

The Ford Motor company Fund and the company's Norfolk Assembly Plant Community Relations Committee have approved a \$100,000 donation to Virginia Wesleyan College to assist in the building of a major teaching and learning resources facility on the college campus.

Norfolk Plant Manager Bill Boggs recently presented a check for \$50,000 to Virginia Wesleyan College President Dr. William T. Greer Jr. at the college's Annual Spring Dinner of the Board of

Trustees and President's Advisory Council. The funds represent the first of two equal payments.

"For help established the Virginia Wesleyan campus 30 years ago, and we're pleased to continue that partnership today," said Boggs.

Prior to this \$100,000 commitment, Ford Motor company contributed \$25,000 in 1996, when the college was founded, and \$30,000 in 1988-89, as part of Virginia Wesleyan's 25th anniversary campaign.

Reeveley joins Dail & Associates

H.K. Reeveley Jr., an attorney in private practice since 1971, joined the law firm of Halbert T. Dail & Associates, P.C., of Chesapeake.

Reeveley, who holds a bachelor's degree from Hampden-Sydney College and a law degree from The College of William and Mary, will concentrate on criminal defense, personal injury and social security

law in his new position. A member of the Virginia State Bar and the Norfolk-Portsmouth, Portsmouth and Chesapeake bar associations, Reeveley was a State Corporation Commission counsel and assistant Portsmouth city attorney before going into private practice. Prior to that, he taught science and math in high schools in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach.

Carter Machinery opens Chesapeake store

Carter Machinery has announced the opening of its 21st facility, Chesapeake Power Systems. The new store services Caterpillar on-highway truck engine and electric power generation (EPG) customers in the Tidewater area.

The 14,000 square-foot facility, located in the Cavalier Industrial

Park in Chesapeake, features six service bays to accommodate a large volume of trucks, a parts warehouse, a wash bay and a generator testing area.

Carter's new Chesapeake store offers regular service hours from 7:30 a.m. - midnight and parts from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Hampton Roads on the Move Deadlines:

News deadline is Fridays at noon for publication in the next week's newspapers. Advertising deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. for publication in that week's issue. Hampton Roads on the Move is published every Friday in The Virginia Beach Sun, The Chesapeake Post and The Portsmouth Times. The newspapers are available around-the-clock at news...per box, or you can have them delivered through the mail to your home or business. Please include your name and phone number. Send all materials to:

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Budget talks address preservation, education, jobs and finances

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

City council and staff waxed philosophical during the first of its budget workshops, but not so much as to leave out the dollars and cents of budget making.

Some of the questions that came up during Tuesday's budget workshop were:

■ Should council look beyond K through 12 and increase support for higher education as well?

■ Should the city pursue as part of its economic policies the pursuit of business which would pay higher wages and higher wages only? Or should some consideration be given to supplying jobs covering the entire spectrum?

■ Can the city do anything about establishing more strict building codes to prevent the kind of deterioration in housing from the 70s that the city is experiencing now and is being forced to address?

■ Should the city spend any money on planning for a

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convention center when there are no funds in sight for years to carry out the project?

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E. Dean Block, director of management and budget, at the Tuesday workshop on the \$897.9 million proposed operating budget and the \$1 billion proposed capital program, listed three changes in funding — the proposed 3.2 percent increase in the real estate tax rate, the loss of approximately \$800,000 as a result of General Assembly changes in the BPOL tax, and the loss of \$265,000 as the result of the state takeover of bingo and audit fees and permits.

Block said that the total debt is expected to increase and is expected to go beyond the \$1,300 per capita ceiling set by council in the upcoming fiscal year.

The cigarette tax seems to defy gravity, he said, and remains a sizeable chunk of money.

The tourism advertising program fund has increased, if the economic development and Virginia Marine Science Museum are included it would come to over \$5 million.

No negative reactions from tourists have been registered so far over the additional one dollar room tax established last year for the first time.

Councilwoman Nancy Parker

Target supermarket is denied zoning change

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

City council has denied a conditional zoning change that would have permitted Target to locate a store at the corner of Princess Anne Road and Lynnhaven Parkway.

But Target hasn't given up on locating a super store in Virginia Beach.

After council's 9-1 decision Tuesday (Vice Mayor William D. Sessions Jr. dissented and Mayor Meyera Oberndorf was absent) Garry Gallagher with Target's parent company, the Dayton Hudson Corporation headquartered in Minneapolis, said that the company still considers Virginia Beach a viable market and would look for another site. He also remarked that the company has spent a considerable amount of money in getting the project to this stage.

Denial, on the motion of Kempsville Borough councilwoman Louise Strayhorn, was based on Target's refusal to agree to a double

asked whether the economic development department was given thought to the quality of jobs along with the quantity.

Vice Mayor William D. Sessions Jr. said that he sees people who are trying just to get a "job. He said all types of employment are needed.

Don Maxwell, economic development director, said that the department is trying to attract the higher paying jobs.

Councilwoman Louise Strayhorn said that it was important to look at the whole spectrum, even lower-paying jobs.

Councilman Harold Heischbier said that if a company was interested in coming to the city he wouldn't ask what its salaries would be.

Councilman Robert K. Dean said that the problem is neighborhood preservation.

"If we're providing jobs for unskilled labor, we will have to get more government money to maintain standards."

The kind of companies that pay high wages, said Heischbier, bring their high-paid staff with them. The lower-wage employees are already there.

Councilwoman Barbara Henley said that higher education availability is important to economic development. She said that higher education isn't something the city funded in the past.

Sessions said that Tidewater Community College will become a feeder system for the higher education center being planned for Virginia Beach. He said it is true that TCC technology is not necessarily as good as the public school system's courses, but that it is an excellent place to go for two years.

Henley noted that the public schools' adult learning center is a more advanced than TCC in some areas.

On the city's housing stock, which provides 80 percent of the tax base for the city, Block said that preserving this stock is like an investor who puts all his eggs in one basket. Therefore, more funds are being reallocated in housing rehabilitation.

That's when Strayhorn said that maybe the city should make sure that better workmanship goes into the housing to deter deterioration.

Block also said that Virginia Beach is good at creating job-military, civilian and private.

The Tourism Growth Development Program (TGF) has been extremely successful in delivering a number of projects.

There won't be enough money for the proposed convention center for the next six years.

Councilman Linwood Branch said that the price of a hotel/convention center has gone up to \$100 million. The city has done preliminary design for the project, but Branch asked why spend money "when we can't build the project."

Creeds' "everything lady"

Julie Ogden has devoted her life to betterment of the community

By JANE ROWE
Sun Correspondent

If you live south of the Pungo stoplight, it's hard to go anywhere without running into Julie Ogden.

She's seen two generations of kids grow up on her job as a teacher's aide at Creeds Elementary School. She also waits on their parents when they shop at Ansell's Grocery Store, and as a volunteer rescue squad member she's visited some of their houses when a family member had a medical emergency.

In between all of this, Ogden's still found time to volunteer at school functions, serve as a Scout leader and raise three children.

When she was a young girl, Ogden found a way to sabotage the rules in order to play on the boys' baseball team. Later, as a school employee and parent, she also found a way to prevent tardy bus drivers from disappointing the children.

"When a bus driver didn't show up to take the children on a field trip once, I went out the next day and got my license to drive a schoolbus so I could drive for field trips," she said.

She's done all of this, she added, because she's lived by a very simple philosophy.

"I've always done what I wanted to do because I've just done it," she said.

It was that spirit that led Ogden to play on an all-male baseball team by posing as her male cousin when she was a tomboy growing up in Rockbridge County.

Girls were prohibited from playing on community baseball leagues in the Virginia mountains during the 1950s and 1960s, but Ogden got around that little detail by playing under her cousin's name. "He wasn't interested in playing and I was," she explained. "There was only a month's difference in our ages, and we looked alike. The coach wasn't someone who was from right around there, so he didn't know us and he never knew any difference."

"I grew up in a neighborhood of all boys," Ogden added. "I was always sent home for wearing long pants or Bermuda shorts to school, and my father would make sure I was dressed properly when I went back to school. He would have liked to have had a little girl who wore lace, but I'd always take the lace off of things."

Although Ogden moved to Creeds 31 years ago when her husband, Jim, a game warden, was transferred here, she never forgot what it was like to be an athletic girl in the macho world of school sports. When her husband became involved with the Creeds Rescue Squad, she once again refused to let gender get in her way and began attending training sessions too although the rules prohibited her from officially joining.

"Another woman and I got involved in it because there wasn't anybody else to call during the days," Ogden said. "Twenty-eight years ago, these volunteer squads were



Photo by Jane Rowe

DEDICATION. After 23 years as a rescue squad volunteer and 23 years at Creeds Elementary, Julie Ogden knows almost everyone from Pungo down to the North Carolina line.

shorts to school, and my father would make sure I was dressed properly when I went back to school. He would have liked to have had a little girl who wore lace, but I'd always take the lace off of things."

Wives like Ogden — were expected to serve in support roles for their husbands, "but we weren't invited to attend the meetings and we weren't spoken about as members."

Volunteer rescue squads finally began recruiting women because they needed the nurses' expertise, Ogden said. "When they started training as cardiac techs, that brought more women, particularly nurses, into the system, and it opened doors for women all over the state."

Ogden now works every sixth evening at the rescue squad, and she helps organize fund-raisers and teachers CPR classes. "There's always excitement," she said of her work.

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Beach soccer complex gets major boost

The United States Soccer Federation Foundation (USSF) has awarded \$75,000 to the Hampton Roads Soccer Council (HRSC) for the construction of the Hampton Roads Soccer Complex at Princess Anne Park in Virginia Beach. The award was announced last week at a press conference for the kick-off of Major League Soccer held in San Jose, Calif.

The HRSC grant was among 22 awards made from a total of 140 applications from soccer organizations around the country. The HRSC project was selected in a competitive process because of its positive impact on the community.

The funds awarded by the USSF resulted from surplus money from the World Cup held in the United States in 1994.

These funds are to be used as seed money to fund national, state and local soccer programs that advance the sport in the United States.

Grant applications were judged on the program's ability to, among other things, increase the number of players, improve the quality of play, promote gender equity, heighten soccer's visibility in the United States and to leverage additional funding.

In the case of the Hampton Roads Soccer Council, the grant leverages over \$181.84 in real estate taxes now, Bourdon said. The super store would have a \$5 to \$7 million payroll with sales tax revenues of a half million dollars annually.

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Miles Barrett, president, HRSC

support. Virginia Beach is a major contributor, providing the land and constructing the access road.

The soccer community itself has raised more than \$325,000 in fees from a \$5 per player per season assessment.

Major tournaments like the Columbus Day Soccer Tournament, the North American Sand Soccer Tournament, the Hampton Roads Girls Soccer Association Rose Memorial Tournament and the

Atlantic Labor Day Classic all contribute a portion of their proceeds to the HRSC to build the soccer complex.

The Hampton Roads Soccer Complex, a 75-acre, 19-soccer field complex, is under construction at the end of Recreation Drive in Princess Anne Park in Virginia Beach.

The soccer fields are the first phase of the project, and they are

expected to be ready for play in October. After the fields are constructed, a headquarters, tournament tent facility, restrooms and concessions facilities will follow.

The USSF received 140 grant applications from 39 states. Twenty-two were selected for funding.

President Mike Barrett said,

"This grant is an indication of the credibility of the Hampton Roads Soccer Council and a verification of the benefits of a public-private partnership to fulfill the goal of building a youth soccer complex. To be selected in National competition is proof that our project is worthy of community and corporate support."

Karen Knott, the executive director of HRSC, the four soccer clubs that comprise HRSC, the Virginia Beach Soccer Club, the Beach FC, the Atlantic Soccer Club, and the Southeastern Women's Soccer Association have demonstrated that we can build facilities that match the quality of our soccer programs."

Contributions to the Soccer Fund of the Virginia Beach Foundation can be mailed to Ted Clarkson, Virginia Beach Foundation, P.O. Box 4629, Virginia Beach, Va., 23454-4629. Inquiries should be directed to Karen Knott at 456-0578.

City suspends bulkhead action until May

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

The city has suspended action on the seven bulkhead owners in the northern part of Sandbridge Beach until May 1.

In a letter to city council Tuesday, City Manager James K. Spore said that the city would suspend action at the North End — that it would go in and remove the bulkheads and then charge the property owners — until May 1 and await the court's decision on the southern property expected to be delivered on Friday.

Property owners have maintained that the land now covered by the ocean marked as their private land on original surveys is still their private property.

The city maintains erosion altered the property lines.

Spore based Tuesday's decision on the results of a survey of seven property owners who have not complied with the city's order to remove their failed bulkheads or repair them.

The city declared that 44 bulkheads damaged in a northeaster in the fall of 1994 were a safety hazard and ordered the owners to remove, repair or replace them. Otherwise the city would pull them out and bill the owners for costs.

The deadline for compliance was April 1.

However, on March 29, Director of Public Works Ralph Smith sent by certified mail a notice to seven non-complying property owners offering to extend the deadlines to May 1, provided they would pledge by April 5 that the work would be completed by June 15.

The post office reported, said Spore, that only five of the seven notices have been received. One of those for which a notice of receipt has not been returned was mailed to Catharpin, Va. Of the five delivered notices, three have offered their pledge to comply with the new deadlines, one has pledged that the work would be done, but will not accept the deadlines, and one remains silent. One of the individuals who has not received notice filed for notice for injunction on April 5.

William A. Webb, a Virginia Beach veterinarian, has filed an injunction in Circuit Court asking the court to declare unconstitutional the city code that empowers the city to remove the bulkhead. Webb maintains that the bulkheads are on his property and that the public should not be trespassing on his property.

Spore said that given that the majority of the six northern owners have responded and that the seven is exercising due process, he would suspend city action at the north end until May 1.

Get ready to spruce up and Reside with Pride

Plan to clean up, fix up and paint up your home or help a neighbor during the fifth annual Reside With Pride Awareness Week.

Reside With Pride is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the physical quality of Virginia Beach houses and neighborhoods. Through corporate and private donations, Reside With Pride volunteers have been able to purchase materials and take part in the repair of dozens of homes of Virginia Beach residents in need.

During 1995, Reside With Pride volunteers donated more than 1,700 hours in labor worth approximately \$46,780.

The goals of Reside With Pride are:

To assist homeowners in need;

To link financial resources with individuals and neighborhoods;

To help organize and educate communities to look for signs of housing deterioration;

To assemble neighborhood volunteers to correct problems when they first occur; and,

To encourage every resident to Reside With Pride in Virginia Beach.

For more information or to volunteer to help with Reside With Pride, call 563-1000.

Commentary

A new attitude

With spring comes a renewed zest for life and a willingness to live it to the fullest. Since there are few joys greater than those derived from helping others, why not "spring" into the season by giving your time and energy to two very deserving Hampton Roads organizations devoted to service: the American Cancer Society and the American Diabetes Association-Virginia Affiliate?

Local cyclists of all ages are gearing up to hit the road to support the American Diabetes Association in Tour de Cure, a one-day, multi-course cycling event taking place on Saturday, April 27.

Princess Anne Middle School in Virginia Beach will serve as the start/finish line for an anticipated 300 cyclists taking to the back roads of Pungo and Blackwater to ride a 25K, 50K or 100K route. Taking strides against this serious disease, the South Hampton Roads Chapter is sponsoring the important fund-raising event, which will raise nearly \$40,000 toward continuing its comprehensive services of education, research and community service to the 330,000 Virginians with diabetes.

The registration fee is \$15 until April 15; \$20 until the day of the event; and, \$25 at Tour de Cure. All riders must raise at least \$50 in pledges to ride.

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading non-profit organization dedicated to fighting diabetes. Formed in 1969, the association maintains 52 state affiliates and more than 800 chapters across the United States.

For more information on Tour de Cure, diabetes or the American Diabetes Association, call 1-800-TOUR-888 or 623-4068.

The American Cancer Society-Virginia Division, is recruiting volunteer drivers and transportation coordinators to help cancer patients to and from medical treatments. If you have a car and some spare time, be part of the society's Road to Recovery program.

Many cancer patients lead productive, active lives after therapy. But traveling to a treatment center is often a serious problem. Some patients require radiation treatments every day for five or six days, and transporting them can become a burden for family and friends.

Road to Recovery driver qualifications are simple. Anyone with a car, a valid Virginia driver's license, safe driving skills and the availability to drive as little as one morning or afternoon per month can help give someone with cancer a fuller, longer life. Schedules are flexible. Reliability of the driver is of utmost importance since cancer patients cannot miss a single treatment.

Volunteer transportation coordinators oversee transportation services to cancer patients. Primary responsibilities include receiving requests for transportation services and assigning drivers, recording all transportation services provided and maintaining accurate records for volunteer drivers.

Last year's intensive recruitment generated 100 new Road to Recovery volunteers. However, many Virginians are still in need of drivers. With long-term cancer treatment saving more lives, the need for transporting cancer patients has doubled in recent years. Last year in Virginia, volunteers provided 12,367 rides for cancer patients.

To volunteer as a Road to Recovery driver or transportation coordinator, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or 853-6638.

This spring turn over a new leaf and give someone a chance at a new life.

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IRS

Thank heavens for bureaucracy

WASHINGTON — God bless the establishment.

Many are the contributions that Americans with money and power make to civic improvement. Nothing necessarily wrong with that if it improves the lot of less fortunate people within a framework of freedom.

But when a major initiative by the Big Boys of government and business, indeed one on a national scale, derails because of the resistance of everyday folks all across the country, shouldn't the establishment sit down with the common folk, hear their concerns and consider shifting course?

Guess not. Not in the case of the faltering effort to implement National Education Goals that President Bush and the nation's governors launched at a summit of the elite in 1989 at the University of Virginia, and that the Clintons have put the combined muscle of the Education and Labor departments behind. The establishment is now rallying to salvage the top-down standards-setting, for which Goals 2000 provides the bureaucratic infrastructure.

When the second National Education Summit convenes March 26 at the IBM conference center in Palisades, N.Y., participation "will be limited to 130 people, including all governors, one key business leader from each state invited by the governor, and a limited number of others, such as educators, state legislators, and chief state school officers," according to an announcement from the National Governors Association.

The "working session" at the two-day powwow will be closed to the public and the press, an IBM spokesman told me.

Conspicuously left off the guest list are the customers of public education, the everyday parents who supply the children and the bulk of taxes to support the schools. Funny, I thought customer service was supposed to be the hallmark of modern

corporations. Perhaps it's easier to "serve" the customers if you deny them a place at the table.

Oh yes, the hosts — IBM chairman and CEO Louis Gerstner and Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, chairman of both the NGA and the Education Commission of the States — are inviting one new participant to the summit: the National Education Association (NEA). The Feb. 26 issue of U.S. News and World Report documents how the NEA is stifling good teaching, rewarding mediocrity and throwing bureaucratic roadblocks in the way of genuine reform. But the NEA is plenty big — 2.5-million duespaying members — so I suppose it's only right that the NEA be asked to caucus with the other Big Boys.

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I know the word "militia" makes the bigwigs nervous, but they really should invite in one branch described on computer bulletin boards by Chey Simonton from out in Washington State. Simonton is a feisty grandmother

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The 'newer' lighthouse at historic Cape Henry

Lighthouses have, since their beginning, been a source of help to the marine navigator. The first real lighthouse was the Pharos of Alexandria, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It was designed by Sostratus of Cnidus about 280 B.C. Since that early time, they have played a very important part in the navigation of the seas.

Sostratus's lighthouse was 280-foot tall and rested on a tall square base. Reflectors concentrated the light from its wood fires to that it was visible for 35 miles and was one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

The largest lighthouse was built about 46 A.D. in ancient Italy. Lighthouses built by the Romans stood until the mid-17th century. One of two built by the Romans at Dover, England is still standing.

Imagine, if you will, the following scene: the Sun's brilliant spectrum of light, the red rays peak over the horizon and melts away the still blackness of night. The ocean, close enough to hear, is crashing relentlessly onto the beach mist as it has for millennia past. Seagulls, on a constant search for food, laugh on the beach, while a cast iron, checkered structure, reaching 167-feet into the air, slowly casts a shadow onto the sandy ground below.

This is the shadow of the tallest fully enclosed cast iron lighthouse in the United States and it stands at Cape Henry. It is painted in alternating black and white vertical stripes, painted in two sections — one standing on top of the other. It is maintained by Group Hampton Roads Engineering of the Fifth District U.S. Coast Guard and has been under the control of the Coast Guard since 1939.

Even if our lighthouses aren't as old as those mentioned at the beginning of this article (of course, our nation isn't that old either), the Old Cape Henry Lighthouse mentioned last week, one of the three oldest still standing in the United States, was completed in 1792.

The newer lighthouse at Fort Story (newer in that it is only 115 years old versus 204 years for the old Cape Henry lighthouse) went into service in 1881.

This lighthouse for the time it was first constructed to 1912 used five concentric oil lamps for its beacon; from 1912 to 1923 kerosene lamps were used; and, in 1923 when it was electrified, a 1,000 watt light bulb equivalent to 40,000 candlepower, was and still used today. The lighthouse has two sources of power, as well as another 1,000 watt backup bulb, so if one fails, a backup begins operating immediately. This present

Cape Henry lighthouse sends its beam out across the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay and the waters of the Atlantic Ocean 24 hours a day.

Like the old lighthouse, the newer light functions to direct ships to the Chesapeake Bay — no to warn them of rocks, as lighthouses often do. The new lighthouse however, has a red sector in its lens system which allows the ship's captain to see red when his path does not line up with the channel — the more red he sees, the closer to danger he is.

As told by Petty Officer Second Class Kevin Simmons of the United States Coast Guard and the present lighthouse keeper, each lighthouse has its own identity. As well as the painting, its lights also tell its name. The newer Cape Henry lighthouse flashed on two seconds, off two seconds, on two seconds, off two seconds, on seven seconds, then off seven seconds — this is Morse code (dot dot dash) for the letter "U".

The light has a radius of 17-20 miles and there are 207 spiraling steps from the base of the light to the observation deck 150 feet above ground level.

It is reassuring to know that in a city of constant and exciting changes, where transient workers and military professionals come, settle and leave nearly as often as the sand beneath the tidal waters of the Atlantic Ocean, land in the day satellites and cellular phones, our two lighthouses, standing tall and proud, have remained as guardians over the Chesapeake Bay, beaming a haven of direction send safety to the sea.

For 205 years, the Cape Henry lighthouses have stood, one overlooking the other, at a place called Fort Story at Cape Henry in the city of Virginia Beach.

First Citizen wants residents to party down!

Linwood O. Branch III, the Outstanding Young Citizen of Virginia Beach for 1995, has declined the customary award banquet in his honor. In lieu of the banquet, Branch has opted to help the Jaycees organize a fund-raising concert.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Habitat for Humanity's Virginia Beach project as well as the Virginia Beach layees on-going community work.

The benefit concert featuring the R & B Allstars will be held on Saturday, April 13 at Club Rogue's, 616 Virginia Beach Blvd. The fun and music runs from 8 p.m. - 2 a.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

Tickets can be purchased at Birdland Records, Mary's Restaurant or by calling 446-3150.

Just don't call me a "phone head," please!

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"Utterly hopeless. You should have been born in the 1860s instead of the 1960s. You act like you're old something."

It wasn't the first time I'd heard the argument that I'm too old-fashioned for the times. In fact, I'm used to it. I live it.

"I know, I know," I agreed. "Well, does this thing work?"

Even picked up my phone and showed me all the various options. I tried to commit it to memory, but it didn't "stick" very well.

On Monday morning I placed my very first call on the thing to my mother. Like myself, she has little enthusiasm for such gadgetry.

"Well, don't wreck your car!" she urged. "They say car phone users are more likely to be involved in accidents than other drivers."

She has a point. One of my own pet peeves has always been car phone users whose minds are more attuned to their conversations than the road. Dangerously, they weave into other lanes, tailgate those in front of them and miss red lights. Yes, I have always detested car phone users.

Now I am one of them. The real test came last week when I called into the office to check my messages. It had been a very busy day with several stories scheduled back to back.

"Hello, Byerly Publications," came the receptionist's pleasant voice.

"It's just me to get my messages," I answered.

"Wow," she observed, "you have a ton."

Then she began to reel them off as I attempted to stear with one hand while holding the phone, too, and write the messages down with the other hand.

It wasn't a pretty sight as I haphazardly attempted to drive down the interstate. Finally, I pulled onto the shoulder for rest while fellow drivers cruised past giving me dirty looks. I felt so embarrassed. I used to be among their ranks; now I was just another "phonehead."

Sure, life is convenient with the car phone because I don't have to scope out pay phones anymore. But at what cost? Life and limb, that's what.

The kickers came the other day when Evan attempted to reach me while I was out covering a story. He never did get me.

"Where were you today? I tried to beep you and call you on the car phone. I thought you'd disappeared off the face of the Earth!"

I smiled because I almost had.

"Well," I explained. "The beeper battery is dead, so you couldn't page me. As for the car phone, I only turn it on when I'm making a call. Why run down my battery?"

Evan sighed and said, "You're supposed to leave the phone on all the time. What's the point of it if you area?" You're so hopeless."

Quietly, I said with bemusement, "I know. Thank you."

Up close and personal

Thomas R. Frantz: All hail King Neptune!

By VICTORIA HECHT
Sun Editor

This September when Virginia Beach attorney Thomas R. Frantz takes his family vacation, he won't be hitting the road for points elsewhere. He'll be staying at home enjoying his time off as king of the oceanfront — literally.

That's because Frantz, a partner in Clark and Stant, P.C., is the newly-crowned King Neptune for the city's end-of-summer extravaganza, Neptune Festival XXXIII. As king, he will reign over social, charitable and sporting events in the resort city from Sept. 15-29.

But until that time Frantz will also serve as an ambassador of goodwill for other activities, such as the annual Pungo Strawberry Festival, charity golf tournaments and numerous parades.

That's the easy part. It's growing the ceremonial beard expected of all King Neptunes that's going to be difficult. Frantz is taking advice from previous kings in conquering that task.

"First and foremost, they said to have fun. Second, they said to wash my beard with shampoo instead of soap, or I'll be itchy to death," he grinned.

Frantz, active in civic, social and educational activities of the city, first learned he'd been chosen for the honor in mid-January when he was visited by members of the Neptune Festival committee.

"I had no idea why they were here," Frantz recalled. "They had a little shopping bag with them, put it on the table and said, 'You've worn so many hats in the community; we'd like you to wear one more.' Then they produced the crown and asked me if I'd like to serve as king. It was fairly rare for me that I accepted on the spot!"

Keeping the secret for several months until his coronation in March was no problem. As a lawyer, Frantz explained, he's used to confidentiality. He told only his wife, Dianne, but keeping it from his colleagues at Clark and Stant was a challenge. Now Frantz is looking forward to his royal duties.

"But, of course, I don't have the power to tax," he quipped. "Primarily, all my duties revolve around the Neptune Festival. I'll be at every event doing something in a participatory fashion, giving out awards, riding on floats. I'm just looking forward to it all, and it's nice anyway because about that time of year we usually take a vacation somewhere. This year we've decided to vacation in Virginia Beach as a king. How many people can do that?"

Along with his wife, who gets the honorary title "First Lady of the Realm," Frantz will enjoy the star treatment with police escorts as they usher in this year's festival theme, "Neptune's Red, White-Hot and Blue Blast...A Military Tribute." Their youngest daughter, Elissa, 7, is also a court attendant. Their older daughter, Lindsey, served on Tom Barton's court a few years ago when he was King Neptune. Frantz himself served as a king's triton in 1987.

"It's obviously something that takes you back," said of this newest honor. "When I look at the king's kings, who they are, what they've done, it kind of makes you feel proud."

Frantz, who has called Virginia Beach home for 22 years, specializes in tax, mergers, acquisitions and corporate law. He received his education at the College of William and Mary, where he was awarded a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1970, a juris doctorate in 1973 and a master's degree in law and taxation in 1981. He is both an attorney and a certified public accountant.

Frantz is a member of the American Bar Association, the American College of Tax Counsel, the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and the American Academy of Health Care Attorneys. He is a director of the William and Mary Annual Tax Conference and a past president of the Hampton Roads Tax Forum.

Frantz is widely recognized for his expertise in tax law and has published numerous articles on the subject, including pieces in the journals of *Taxation*, *The Virginia Accountant* and *Taxation for Accountants*. He has also lectured widely in tax and corporate matters to accounting and law professional groups and at several university conferences.

Frantz actively devotes time and energy to benefit the Virginia Beach community. He is chairman of the board and an executive committee member of the



Virginia Beach Foundation. Also, he is vice president and a member of the board and executive committee of the Virginia Museum of Marine Sciences Foundation.

Frantz is past chairman of the board and a current board and executive committee member of Cape Henry Collegiate School. He served on the city's Board of Education in 1988-89, for which he served as principle draftsman of its report, and was a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves.

enjoys soccer and dance; and, Elissa, 7, who enjoys dance, tennis and swimming. All attend Cape Henry Collegiate.

Favorite movie: "Gettysburg."

Magazines: I regularly read: Professional journals.

Favorite authors: Wilbur Smith, Gore Vidal and James Michener.

Favorite night out on the town: There are so many great things to do and places to eat in Virginia Beach that it's impossible to pick one.

Favorite meal: Tuna, pasta and Caesar salad.

Best thing about myself: My wife and family.

Pets: Blitzen, a golden retriever, and Tazzy, a cocker spaniel.

Hobbies: Working out, golf and reading.

Ideal vacation: Spend part of September in Virginia Beach as a king.

Pet peeves: Young people who don't work to be the best they can be.

First job: Picking fruit in an orchard.

Worst job: Boot camp and cleaning out engine blocks at the beginning of Mack truck assembly lines.

Favorite sports team: William and Mary and Cape Henry Collegiate teams, Hampton Roads Mariners.

Favorite musicians: Rod Stewart and Jimmy Buffet.

I would like my epitaph to read: "He lived a long time."

If I received \$1 million: I'd invest in Virginia Beach's future; it looks great.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I'd prepare a speech.

'Tap' into a very special fund-raising tournament

If you love bowling and enjoy helping others, here's your chance to do both.

From Aug. 22 - 25, the 1996 U.S. Transplant Games will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Team Virginia, a group of 50 transplant recipients from Virginia, will once again be participating in the games. Every other year individuals who have received a transplant gear up to compete in four days of athletic competition, proving to the world that organ donation saves lives and returns people to very active lives.

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Team Virginia is busy raising the funds needed to get them to the 96 U.S. Transplant Games and the "No Tap" Bowling Tournament is just one way people can get involved and help the team accomplish their goal. This event is also a wonderful opportunity to educate the general public about organ donation.

The tournament will take place on Saturday, April 27 at Pinboy's of Norfolk, located at Little Creek and Azalea Garden roads, with sign-in at 1 p.m. and play beginning at 2 p.m. Prizes and

awards to be given to the top fund raisers.

Each bowler must raise \$10 in donations to participate, and at least \$40 to receive a free T-shirt.

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THE ARTS

Virginian Wesleyan hosts renowned poets for readings

Virginia Wesleyan College will host readings by poets Nigel S. Thompson and Bettie Sellers. Thompson will read on Tuesday, April 16, and Sellers will read on Thursday, April 18. Both readings will be held at 11 a.m. in Room 9 of the Fine Arts Building.

The readings are free and open to the public. Call the college at 455-3200 for more information.

Thompson is a lecturer in English at Christ Church, Oxford. He has published on Boccaccio and Chaucer and his comparative study of the "Decameron" and the "Canterbury Tales" is to be published by Oxford University Press next year.

He has published two translations of Italian fiction, Leonardo Sciascia's "Sicilian Uncles" (Carcanet) and Giampaolo Rugari's, "The Crux" (Collins/Harvill) and translations, poems and reviews in *Ambit*.

Encounter, Modern Poetry in Translation, Oxford Poetry, Oxford Magazine, Poetry Review, PN Review, TLS and elsewhere. He is also the poetry editor of *New Poetry Quarterly*, a journal of poetry and criticism.

Sellers is the Goolsby Professor of English at Young Harris College in Georgia. She served as chairperson of the Division of Humanities from 1975 to 1985. Some of her publications are "Westward From Bald Mountain," "Appalachian Carols," "Spring Onions" and "Cornbread and The Bitter Berry: The Life of Byron Herbert Reece."

She has also had poems published in numerous publications including *Arizona Quarterly, The Georgia Review, Georgia Journal, Appalachian Heritage, Green River Review, Literature, An Introduction to Poetry and Women in Literature*.



Bettie Sellers



Nigel Thompson

Doug Varone, dancers bring raw emotion to the stage

Doug Varone has been called one of those rare choreographers with a gift for marrying a very physical medium to raw emotion. He tells powerful stories through gesture, movement and relationships on stage, leaving audiences in awe.

Mark the calendar for Saturday, April 27 as the Tidewater Performing Arts Society concludes its' 10th anniversary season by presenting another unforgettable dance performance: Doug Varone and Dancers. The program begins at 8 p.m. in the Virginia Beach Pavilion Theater.

"He has a company of daredevils, profoundly human superhumans who dance on a dime — wheeling, darting and slicing the air at lethal-looking speeds — and subside into passing moments of gentle, sometimes almost dreamy nearness filled with sweetness and affection," says *The New York Times, Dance Magazine* calls a Varone performance "music made visible" with wit, athleticism and emotional vulnerability.

Varone formed his dance troupe In 1986, choosing seven other highly gifted performers and dance educators: Nancy Bannon, Matthew Cazier, Nancy Coenen, Larry Hahn, Edward Takeka, Gwen Welliver and Bonnie Wong.

Varone established his own international reputation as a dancer with the Jose Limon Dance Company and then with the Lar Lubovitch Dance

Company, of which he was a member and a teacher for eight years. Varone has taught throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Brazil, Japan and Korea, leading master classes and workshops. He has served regularly on the faculties of the American Dance Festival, Bates Dance Festival, Colorado Dance Festival, New York University's Tisch School for the Performing Arts and Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. He also has participated in some interesting choreographic projects not related to the company, such as fashion shows for Geoffrey Beene and an underwater ballet sequence for Canadian television.

Earlier this year, the dance group performed at the American Center in Paris, the Joyce Theater in New York and the Kennedy Center in Washington. Featured works will remain a surprise, but audiences will be certain of a highly original presentation. Notes

The Washington Post, "He sees that people are most expressive in their unconscious gestures, and it is this viscerally understood language that gives his work the wallop of revealed truth."

Reserved seats for this performance can be purchased at the Virginia Beach Pavilion box office, all TicketMaster outlets and TicketMaster charge by phone. Single tickets are \$22, \$20, \$18. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.

For more information, contact TPAS, P.O. Box 3770, Norfolk, VA 23514, or call 627-2314.

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It's a "Boy's Life"

"Boy's Life" by Howard Korder, a post-modern comedy of manners directed by Jerald D. Pope, will be performed Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Studio, Room 6 of the Fine Arts Building at Virginia Wesleyan College. There will be one midnight performance Saturday. Admission is \$5; reservations are requested and can be made by calling 455-5700. The play is set during springtime, and love is in the air. This fast-paced production is both cutting and hilarious. "Boy's Life" followed the high-jinks of three young men from Generation X as they slam full speed into the twin concrete walls of maturity and commitment.

Let's roll, roll and remember!

A classic car display, hoola hoop contest and 50's dress contest are the events scheduled when Flash Cadillac joins the Virginia Symphony Pops for a weekend of "Rock, Roll, and Remembering" on April 19 at 8 p.m. at Norfolk's Chrysler Hall.

Virginia Symphony Associate Conductor Andrews Sill will be conducting this Pops Series performance.

"Anyone who laments the passing of good old rock 'n' roll... should shake, rattle and stomp to where the fantastic Flash Cadillac will be rippling it up," said a Los Angeles Times review. The band will be performing selections including: "Pretty Woman," "La La," "Great Balls of Fire," "Twistin' The Night Away," "When A Man Loves A Woman" and many more.

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EDUCATION



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They know their numbers

Members of the Kems Landing Magnet School MATHCOUNTS team put in a good showing this month during the Virginia MATHCOUNTS Championships held in Richmond. The competition is organized by the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers and is the mathematics version of a spelling bee. Teams of seventh and eighth graders from 13 school districts competed. Kems Landing placed sixth overall. Pictured for their participation, from left, were Jason DeForge, David Rogge, Mathew Rudolph and Riazul Islam.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Light up your landscaping with creative planning tips

Imagine spending thousands of dollars on a work of art, only to lock it away in a closet every evening.

It sounds silly, yet many homeowners invest as much money in their landscaping. After the sun goes down, their outdoor living areas become shrouded in darkness.

One solution is the addition of a low-cost, do-it-yourself outdoor lighting system.

Outdoor lighting can extend the amount of time homeowners can spend outside. It can highlight the most beautiful features of their homes and landscaping. Or, outdoor lighting can lead guests safely to your front door.

The assortment of low-voltage outdoor lighting products for the do-it-yourselfer has never been greater. And costs have remained steady. You can light most front and back yards for \$30 to \$100.

Manufacturers such as The Toro Company have introduced new fixtures to match many different architectural styles.

Newly introduced fixture styles include redwood deck and path lights for modern architecture or traditional Cape Cod-style homes.

Jay Kakuk, Toro lighting engineer, offers the following planning tips for effective outdoor lighting:

■ To determine the focal points you wish to light and the lighting angles, direct a flashlight beam at the objects.

Remodeling projects can make homes sell easier

Remodeling work in a home usually is planned to make it more comfortable and convenient for the family members.

Some projects also add value to a home, making it worth more when sold. Other projects, however, might make it more difficult to sell and the owner will not make up project costs in the sale price.

Projects that could add value are a third or fourth bedroom, a fireplace, a second bath, modernizing the kitchen and adding storage space.

■ Remember less is better. The object is not to simulate sunlight, but to accent key elements of your landscape.

■ Accent lights are best suited for paths, steps and perimeter lighting.

■ Floodlights and spotlights are best suited for highlighting landscape and architectural features. Because of the amount of light emitted by these fixtures, it's best to hide them from view.

■ To create depth and drama, integrate both well-lit and dark areas into your lighting design.

■ A single, direct source of light flattens objects, making them look two-dimensional. Grazing or washing light from different angles onto the objects creates shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

■ If you're lighting deciduous trees or shrubs, place spotlights at the base to showcase tree structure. This technique is called up-lighting.

■ If you're lighting coniferous trees, place spotlights to the sides of the trees to illuminate the form of the tree. This is called side-lighting.

■ To light outdoor entertaining areas, attach spotlights to overhanging tree branches or house eaves. This technique is called moonlighting.

■ Consider decorative accent lights for warm, intimate lighting around poolside and deck areas.

Major bequest pushes Va. Wesleyan campaign forward

A bequest of \$891,821, the largest in the college's history, has pushed the \$25 million Consider the Harvest campaign for Virginia Wesleyan College past the halfway point.

Jane P. Batten, chairman of the campaign and the VWC Board of Trustees, announced the bequest from the estate of Myrtle Virginia Powell Redd at the annual spring dinner of the VWC Board of Trustees and President's Advisory Council, one week short of the public campaign kickoff a year ago (April 6, 1995).

"The faithful friends of this college have come through once again," said Batten. "Their continuing support for higher education is a vote of confidence in the maturity and stability of Virginia Wesleyan College. Success in the next phase of this campaign will come from the alumni, parents, loyal friends, and the many new friends who will be introduced to our fine liberal arts college which Hampton Roads has helped to build. Spread the word. We've got \$12.4 to go."

Redd, who died in June 1993, bequeathed a substantial portion of her estate to the college for use in the building fund. She was the former owner and operator, along with her husband, Lacy L. Redd, of the Shore Drive Marina. She was a member of the McKendree United Methodist Church and a volunteer with the American Cancer Society.

The \$12.6 million in campaign contributions and pledges from 2,330 donors includes \$4,832,598 from trustees, \$2,435,616 from foundations and corporations, and \$4,000,000 from alumni, parents

and other individuals.

Campaign funds are already being put to use in scholarships, computerization of the campus, science laboratories, improvements to existing facilities, and the beginning of a new soccer/lacrosse complex.

In other action at the dinner meeting, President William T. Greer and chairman Batten recognized the outstanding service and dedication of Trustee Henry Clay Hofheimer II, who has served on the board since October 1964 (two years before the college opened for its first class in September 1966). Batten read a resolution from the board commending him for his many years of valuable service to Virginia Wesleyan, and Greer presented Hofheimer with the second Jerry G. Bray Jr. Distinguished Service Medal. Hofheimer will continue on the Board after this year as Trustee Emeritus.

Also recognized at the dinner were Jamie Labbe '98 and LoMie Blow '82, who will be among seven torch bearers from Hampton Roads for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Labbe was selected because of his work as "goodwill ambassador" for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and his other volunteer activities in the community. Blow, a social studies teacher, as well as basketball coach and counselor at the Norfolk Detention Center, was selected because of his heroic act of crawling through a smoke-filled home in Portsmouth to rescue a 3-year-old girl.

Area educators sponsor look at Pipher's 'Reviving Ophelia'

Fourteen-year-old Brandi was sexually assaulted by an alcoholic neighbor. Her mother took her to see a counselor, but Brandi interrupted her mother to say that the assault was "no big deal." She said that other things bothered her a lot more than the "stupid neighbor." She complained of her mother's nagging about chores and her father's strict curfews on school nights. She said her biggest problem was that her parents treated her like a little kid.

Gail was a gifted child who qualified for special tutors and programs at the university. She was competent and independent, had many friends, and was the comedian of the school. But in junior high, her parents discovered that she was burning herself with cigarettes.

Why are these girls in so much pain? According to Dr. Mary Pipher, author of "Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls," "Something dramatic happens to girls in early adolescence. Just as planes and ships disappear mysteriously into the Bermuda Triangle, so do the selves of girls go down in droves. They crash and burn in a social and developmental Bermuda Triangle. In early adolescence, studies show that girls' IQ scores drop and their math and science scores plummet."

"They lose their resiliency and optimism and become less curious and inclined to take risks. If you expect to get back remodeling costs in the sale price of the house, choose the project carefully, she said.

A general rule is that, if in order to cover the cost of remodeling, the owner would have to sell the house for more than the average value of similar houses in the neighborhood, the project might actually have made the house more difficult to sell.

Projects that could add value are a third or fourth bedroom, a fireplace, a second bath, modernizing the kitchen and adding storage space.

They lose their assertive, energetic and "tomboyish" personalities and become more deferential, self-critical and depressed. They report great unhappiness with their own bodies.

Pipher goes on to write, "As I looked at the culture that girls enter as they come of age, I was struck by what a girl-poisoning culture it was. The more I looked around, the more I listened to today's music, watched television and movies and looked at sexist advertising, the more convinced I became that we are on the wrong path with our daughters. American today limits girls' development, truncates their wholeness and leaves many of them traumatized."

Pipher will address these issues at a lecture coordinated by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools, and the Junior League of Norfolk/Virginia Beach on Thursday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Chrysler Hall in Norfolk.

Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased through the Junior League of Norfolk/Virginia Beach, area independent schools, the Chrysler Hall box office and any TicketMaster outlet. Individuals interested in meeting Pipher may attend a private reception after her lecture. Patron's tickets for this event are \$25.

Former students says 'thanks' in special way

By SHERRY KELLY
School Correspondent

Nomads Core Team teachers Connie Soilem and Jim Loeffler were unaware they shared more than this year's core of students. Each had earned a special place of honor in Kellam High School junior Jaclyn Schottler's life.

She recommended the two be recognized as exceptional teachers via the fourth edition of "Who's Who In America's Teachers," currently in production.

Soilem was Schottler's seventh-grade English teacher when she attended Princes Anne Junior High during the 1992-93 school year. Loeffler taught her eighth-grade physical science class during 1993-94 at the newly-established Princes Anne Middle School. Schottler's honor student status and high SAT scores provided her the opportunity to

nominate teachers in her past educational years for consideration to receive the honor of being listed in the prestigious publication. The book will be available this August.

Schottler visited P.A.M.S. to be reunited with Soilem and Loeffler. She was surprised to learn they now team teach as part of the seventh-grade Nomads core. The three shared memories and enjoyed the opportunity to encourage each other to "keep up the excellent work."

"It's really nice to have a student pat you on the back," said Soilem. "It helps to energize you and validate the importance of what you are trying always to do for your students."

Both teachers are deeply appreciative of the recognition. Their colleagues applaud them as well and add the honor is definitely deserved!



Courtesy Photo

You ate what?

They read about them, they draw them, they dissect them and then they EAT THEM! The event was the ever-popular Invertebrate Luncheon hosted by Bill Wagner each year at Cape Henry Collegiate School for his seventh grade science students. Standing in front of the menu, which doubles as the invertebrate identification chart, are Heather Wedderburn, Trista Navey, Chandler Fulton and Jennifer Van Wyck. On the menu and in their mouths could be oysters, snails, clams, scallops, squid, shrimp, crab or lobster. Gee, it doesn't sound so bad after all!

Old Donation students prove they're 'Masters' of the ward

A team of students from Virginia Beach's Old Donation Center for the Gifted and Talented won high honors in the second meet of this year's WordMasters Challenge, a national language arts competition entered by more than 175,000 students annually.

Participating in the very difficult Gold Division of the Challenge, ODC's fifth graders placed first in the nation among 263 teams competing at this grade level.

Five students won highest individual honors as well: Dylan Goldblatt, Brandon Stewart, Michael Thurston, Andrew Stites and Rachel Liston all earned perfect scores; nationwide only 31 fifth graders did so.

Other students who achieved outstanding results included Matthew Fosch, Robbie Barton, Nicole Bramley, Molie Kaeding, Stephen Spiker, Daniel Young, Kyle Lee Park and Emily Kowalski.

The WordMasters Challenge is an exercise in critical thinking which first encourages students to become thoroughly familiar with a set of interesting new words (considerably harder than grade level) and then challenges them to use those words to complete analogies expressing various kinds of logical relationships.

The reasoning ability developed by students participating in the WordMasters Challenge is like the aptitude measured for high school juniors and seniors by the SAT verbal exam. The WordMasters word lists and analogies, however, have been specifically designed to challenge younger students. They are particularly well-suited for able and interested children who answer the challenge of mastering new words and enjoy the local puzzles posed by analogies.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

King's Grant PTA announces four scholarships to be awarded to high school seniors. The four scholarships will be in amounts of \$400 each. Two are named in honor of Thomas Olds, a retired beloved custodian at the school who worked at King's Grant for nearly 20 years. The other two scholarships are in honor of Ann McNamara, a former teacher who taught at King's Grant for 32 years.

High School seniors must have attended King's Grant Elementary school for at least one full year. A student will be eligible for only one scholarship. Forms are available from the school and applications must be returned to the PTA by April 26, along with the student's transcript.

Scholarships will be awarded at the PTA meeting on May 20.



SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT. Jaclyn Schottler, center, brought faces all around when she told her former teachers, Connie Soilem and Jim Loeffler, that she had just nominated them for "Who's Who in America's Teachers."

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HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

They're 'Stepp-N-Out' in fashion

Indian River Road clothing store makes three entrepreneurs' dreams come true

By JANE ROWE
Sun Correspondent

When Mildred Bright was growing up in Creeds, African-American women didn't even dare dream of owning their own business. Now, she and cousins Janie Spence and Edna Vincent have proven that it's not only OK to dream, it's also possible to make dreams come true.

These ladies, who own Step-N-Out, an Indian River Road clothing store, say that they talked and dreamed of owning their own store for over 10 years before it became reality last November.

They plan for their children to inherit their family-run business, and they say that they hope to leave a legacy of hard work, determination, and the ability to dream, all to children.

"Dreams are what make you work," said Vincent, inbetween waiting on customers on a recent afternoon, "and we want to make a difference to kids, to set an example for them."

"I never dreamed I'd own a business as a kid because when we'd never heard of a black person owning a business," Bright added. "That was something I got into once I was on my own."

The three also wanted to offer women alternative to what they saw as a proliferation of clothing stores that all feature the same styles, Bright said.

Years of working in retail convinced her that too many stores concentrate on ultra-casual wear for women and too few clothes designed for the professional.

Step-N-Out, on the other hand, tries to be different.

"We're striving for style," Spence said. "We have clothes for the professional woman, for women in church, and clothes that you can wear when you go out. We do have some more casual clothes, but no jeans and T-shirts." Accessories, including hats and jewelry, are a major component of their inventory because "we cater to the woman in the church."

Although weary from a long Saturday's work, the women took the time to relax and offer advice to customers on this recent day. They invite a young girl to sit down while they help her mother select clothes to model in a fashion show, then they greet a man who's come in to inquire about a jacket he saw in there recently.

Inbetween all of this, they talk about their girlhoods, what brought them to this point and where they hope to go from here.

"Edna and I have always been close, and Janie and I grew up together. Our grandmother kept us when we were little, and we married two brothers," Bright said.

She and Spence joke that their husbands, William Spence and Herbert Bright, "got lucky and got two good women." The three all grew up in Creeds, and, although they moved into other neighborhoods and pursued separate careers after they left high school, they remained in touch with each other.

Bright and Vincent worked in retailing, Spence decided to attend nursing school but worked part-time at the same Granby Mall store where Bright worked. It was there, as she watched her cousin on the sales floor, that she got the idea to open a family-run business.

"I worked part-time at Altschul's to supplement my income while I was in nursing school," Spence said. "I was watching Mildred sell one day, and I thought 'we can do



Photo by Jane Rowe

FASHION SENSE. These three cousins from Creeds, from left, Mildred Bright, Janie Spence and Edna Vincent, hope to set an example to young people by proving that dreams can come true. They own a store on Indian River Road, which offers women an alternative to what they was a "proliferation of clothing stores that all feature the same styles."

this, we can have our own store."

"That was in 1984, and it took us from 1984 to 1995," Spence continued. "But we talked about it off and on during that whole time." Arranging financing, they said, proved to be their biggest obstacle since many institutions are reluctant to lend to small business owners without a proven track record. Small retailers also have a hard time finding wholesalers who are interested in dealing with them, the women said.

It's also difficult to learn the administrative duties that are a major part of running any business. Keeping records is a time-consuming chore and the women say they'll still struggle to try to understand the intricate tax laws. Although Vincent has worked in managerial positions for retailers, she learned that "you don't know the whole story until you're doing it for yourself."

Finding the time to launch a business was also a challenge, because the women were already balancing family and job pressures. Spence still works as a nurse at the Virginia Beach Health Department while Vincent works for the city of Norfolk, so only Bright is free to do so.

work in the shop full-time.

Bright and Spence both still have children at home, and Spence recently cut the hours she spends at Step-N-Out because it was taking too much time away from her six-year-old son. "But I hope I can work more in the summer, when I won't have to worry so much about getting him to bed at a certain time," she said.

Still, the women find time to be active in church, and they attribute their ability to successfully juggle so many demands to their religious faith.

"That's first and foremost," Vincent said. They add that they have supportive families, and Vincent added that her 30-year-old son "acts as our biggest promoter, he brings people into the business."

Their own determination also accounts for some of their success, and Bright added that she hoped to build a business "that our children can take over someday." They added that they some advice to offer to any young person who's trying to reach a goal.

"You really have to work at it, be strong and dedicated, even when things don't seem to be going right," Vincent said.



Courtesy Photos

Cruisin'

Alisa Roberts of Carnival Cruise Line and Skip Elision with Cruise Holidays in Virginia Beach, above, and Cindy Boshier of Travel Agents International of Virginia Beach, right, were among the first travel agents in the country to get a first-hand look at the newest cruise ship in the world — Carnival Cruise Lines superliner M.S. Inspiration. They attended the invitation-only two day cruise hosted by the line. The 70,000-ton ship begins regular seven-day Caribbean service later this month from San Juan, Puerto Rico.



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French Rags collection debuts

It used to be that fashion-conscious women traveled the world over to preview next season's roll over to new collections. L.A.-based French Rags has turned that around. It is the collections that travel now and this spring, from May 13 - May 18, designer Brenda French will present its inaugural Transit I collection in a salon setting in Virginia Beach.

French, whose collections used to sell in upscale department stores and boutiques around the country, now sells exclusively via national

trunk shows.

Five years ago French put women into the driver's seat by letting the customer select her own look. French Rags offers rayon knitwear swatches with patterns and solids in several weights — Ultra Lite, Boucle and Petite Boucle — and offers large choices of styles of separates from which to choose to develop a wardrobe.

Customers have the opportunity to try on all styles in basic black and then select the particular fabric and color of choice. Four to six

weeks later, French Rags ships the customized wardrobe to customers directly.

The new spring collections include a myriad of new textile designs and colors, and the price range includes scarfs that begin at \$40 to jackets that run \$300 to \$400.

The inaugural trunk show will be held at 512 Fisherman's Bend at Rudee Inlet. For more information, call Ann at 741-2682 or Anne at 481-0802.

Ehrenfried Technologies names Smith to board

Ehrenfried Technologies Inc. of Suffolk has named Stephen M. Smith to its Board of Directors.

Ehrenfried Technologies developed the patent pending technology for the revolutionary Mediflex system of commercial exercise and medical rehabilitation equipment.

Smith is principal and treasurer of Joseph Smith Ltd., a law firm

specializing in personal injury law founded in 1949. The firm is located on Kecoughton Road in Hampton.

"We are very pleased that Stephen has agreed to serve on our Board," said Walter E. Carter, president of Ehrenfried Technologies. "He is a Hampton Roads native with deep family and business ties to the area, and is well respected for contributions to the civic and cultural communities, as well as for his law work."

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markets.

The machines are assembled at Ehrenfried Technologies headquarters at 1000 Filmway in Suffolk.

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Suspects sought in rape, robbery

One man is believed responsible for two robberies in Virginia Beach. You can earn a cash reward by providing information to Crime Solvers that leads to his arrest.



Crime Solvers

By Detective Michael G. Derwent, Virginia Beach Police Department

Road at Governors Way.

The composite is of the man detectives are looking for. He is described as black in his 20s, about 5 feet-10 inches tall, weighing 170 pounds, with short black hair and a thin mustache. He was wearing a light brown leather jacket and dark pants.

If you think you know who the man



Rape suspect



Robbery suspect

is, an anonymous call to Crime Solvers at 427-0000 could help detectives get an armed robber off the streets and earn you a reward of up to \$1,000. ****

Virginia Beach Police sex crimes investigators have released a police artist's sketch of a man who is wanted for the rape and sexual assault of an 18-year-old Michigan woman. On Tuesday, April 21 at 11 p.m. the woman left an oceanfront nightclub. The woman was walking to a hotel located in the 2800 block of Pacific Avenue.

As the woman was walking in the 200 block of 26th Street, a man grabbed the woman from behind and dragged her into an alley way behind an oceanfront business. The woman was thrown to the ground, hit in the face and sexually assaulted. The

suspect then fled south on Atlantic Avenue.

Investigators need your assistance in locating the suspect, who is wanted for rape, sodomy and aggravated sexual battery. The suspect is described as a black male, early to mid-20s, medium build and height. He was last seen wearing black jeans, a short sleeve white shirt, and a black or blue ball cap that was turned around backwards.

Any one with suspect information is asked to call Virginia Beach Crime Solvers at 427-0000. Callers remain anonymous and could be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward if their information leads to an arrest.

The case is being investigated by Detective Darrell Pauley of the Virginia Beach Police Department's Sex Crimes Unit.

4/29
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By Patti K. Bennett
Deputy Clerk

15-06
415-3

Public Notice

Auction: 1984 VOLKS

WAGEN RABBIT (5354)

Serial: IVWEB017XEU010358

Auction Date: APRIL 16, 1996

Time: 11:00 am. at Norfolk Motor Company, 7000 N. Military Hwy Norfolk, Va 23518.

Norfolk Motor Company reserves the right to bid.

15-05

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Public Notice

Auction: 1985 FORD

THUNDERBIRD (5034)

Serial: 1FABP4463FH136936

Auction Date: APRIL 22, 1996

Time: 11:00 am. at Norfolk Motor Company, 7000 N. Military Hwy Norfolk, Va 23518.

Norfolk Motor Company reserves the right to bid.

15-04

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Public Notice

Auction: 1986 PONTIAC

GRAND PRIX (6050)

Serial: 202GK37H1F2215503

Auction Date: APRIL 20, 1996

Time: 11:00 am. at Norfolk Motor Company, 7000 N. Military Hwy Norfolk, Va 23518.

Norfolk Motor Company reserves the right to bid.

15-03

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Public Notice

Auction: 1986 CHRYSLER

LEBARON (6826)

Serial: 1C3BC51DGF333063

Auction Date: APRIL 19, 1996

Time: 11:00 am. at Norfolk Motor Company, 7000 N. Military Hwy Norfolk, Va 23518.

Norfolk Motor Company reserves the right to bid.

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Public Notice

Auction: 1985 CHEVROLET

CELEBRITY (5031)

Serial: 1G1AW194D6869611

Auction Date: APRIL 19, 1996

Time: 11:00 am. at Norfolk Motor Company, 7000 N. Military Hwy Norfolk, Va 23518.

Norfolk Motor Company reserves the right to bid.

14-02

21-12

Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS OFFICE

IN RE: Plaintiff(s)

V. Bryan Hunt

Defendant(s)

ORDER OF PUBLICATION - CASE NO. CH96-964

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It is ORDERED that Bryan Hunt appear and protect his interest, on or before MAY 15, 1996, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

March 22, 1996

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J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK

By Bill Maul

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March 23, 1996 at 9:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

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Creeds' "everything lady"

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rescue squad work, "although every call doesn't turn out like you want it to."

In a community as rural as southern Virginia Beach still is, anyone who wears several hats, as Ogden does, often wears more than one at once. Often, when she arrives at a house on a rescue squad call, she finds children that she knows from school, and she's grateful that she's the one who's there for them.

"It helps the children when they see someone they know," she said. It's calming for them when someone in their family's being taken away in an ambulance if they know the person who's taking them."

That sense of community is one of the things Ogden loves most about her adopted home, she said. Here, like in Rockbridge, "you might think there's nobody around and you can live your own life, but when something goes wrong there's always somebody there to help."

When her son was severely injured in a auto accident 14 years ago there was such an outpouring of support from friends that "all of the nurses at King's Daughters told us that that child had more grandparents than any they'd ever seen. And when a tornado destroyed her neighbor's barn and extensively damaged her house, yard and antique vehicles last November, most of the community turned out to help bright and early the next morning.

"The storm went through about 9 p.m. and by 7:30 a.m. the next morning the yard was full of people working," she said. "I can't get over the number of people who were there. At one time there were about 20 chainsaws going."

This feeling of kinship, Ogden said, is what makes her so proud of Creeds Elementary and the "county kids" she works with. She's seen a couple of generations of local children

come through the school "and I expect in about three years I'll be working with the grandchildren of the kids who were here when I got here."

Surprisingly, she added, things haven't changed all that much since she started working there in 1973.

"Manners and loyalty are something the kids at Creeds still have," Ogden said. "The parents at Creeds have always participated more than at the other schools, and we get good support from them. I can call the parents and talk to them if I'm having a problem, and the kids know I can do that, so they don't do things they might do somewhere else because here someone knows them."

"County kids stick together," Ogden added. "When I go to something at Kellam I notice that the kids from the county are still together, and when they grow up they seem to marry each other."

After a walk at school, Ogden finds the energy to work at Ansell's Grocery on Saturday.

"I call that my adult contact

because that's when I get to see adults," Ogden said. She seldom goes out without seeing someone she knows, and, in between sips of her lemonade at the Red Barn in downtown Pungo recently, she found time to greet a child and chat with a neighbor who's having problems with chicken hawks.

"I see you out somewhere, and I don't know you by name, I know where you live," she said. "And I always remember the kids by their family names if not their first names."

Working with people seems to be contagious in her family, since one son is a Chesapeake firefighter, all family members volunteer for rescue squad duty, and her daughter-in-law, Valerie, is a teacher's aide at North Landing Elementary.

"It's been an interesting life," Ogden added. "There's not too much I'd change but I would have liked to have come along 20 years later, when women had more opportunity to excel. Still, I've gotten to do what I wanted to do."

Don't be bashful bikers; say 'cheese!'

March of Dimes kicks off search for ride's poster ambassador

By CLAUDIA PINTO

Sun Intern

Bikers get ready! It's time to show up your bikes and put on your best leather, because the March of Dimes has always participated more than at the other schools, and we get good support from them. I can call the parents and talk to them if I'm having a problem, and the kids know I can do that, so they don't do things they might do somewhere else because here someone knows them."

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To enter the contest, fill out the entry form and send it in, with a photo of yourself in full-regalia, by May 3.

The winner will receive a trip to downtown Norfolk for the photo shoot, lunch, a T-shirt and will have the honor of leading the Ride For Healthier Babies.

The poster will advertise the ride and hopefully bring individuals closer to the cause," said Chairman of the Ride For Healthier Babies Committee/Service Writer for Southside Harley-Davidson, Steve Conrad.

The committee will select somewhere between five and 10 finalists for the contest and the poster photographer will select the winner. Photographs that are submitted will be made into a collage to be displayed at the end of

the ride.

The bikers will meet at Coliseum Mall in Hampton. This is the place of departure. Registration will last from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and the ride will begin at 11 a.m. Bikers will travel about 45 miles this year. A final destination for the ride has not been decided on as of yet, however; organizers are investigating locations in Williamsburg.

"The ride is basically a show. Bikers are vain. We like to show our bikes off. We like to show what we can do with them. We polish them and shine them. We go out there looking good and people come from all over just to watch us drive by. We're entertainment," said Conrad.

Organizers are hoping that this year's event will be bigger and better than previous years. They would like to see 500 bikes come out. Last year's event had almost 400 bikes, which was a good turnout considering it was raining.

The event usually brings participation by a variety of clubs and individuals, including The Harley-Davidson Group, The Blue Knights, The Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Honda Enthusiasts and The Hampton Roads Hog Club.

"There are riders from all walks of life. Last year, we had a group of lawyers come out to ride. They called themselves the Rolex Riders," said Chapter Director of



VROOM! VROOM! Steve Conrad is getting revved up for the annual March of Dimes ride, but for now he's more concerned about finding a "poster biker" for the special cause.

The March of Dimes, Christy Tar.

A number of incentives are offered by the March of Dimes in an effort to get riders involved in raising money. If an individual raises \$20 for the cause, he or she will receive

entry to the ride, lunch and a commemorative pin. \$60 includes entry, lunch, a T-shirt, \$150 includes entry, lunch, two commemorative pins and two T-shirts; \$300 includes entry, lunch, two commemorative pins, two T-shirts and a sweatshirt;

\$500 includes entry, lunch, a commemorative pin, T-shirt and a ride jacket.

"Bikers are the nicest people. They fund-raise all the time. Last year they raised nearly \$30,000 for us and hopefully this year it will be even better," said Tar.

To receive additional information about the ride, call the March of Dimes at 486-1001.

Beach celebrates annual Arbor Day

Virginia Beach will celebrate Arbor Day on April 12. A formal ceremony will be conducted at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center complex by the Civil War Memorial at 10 a.m. The mayor will be accepting the Tree City U.S.A. Award from Betina Ring of the Virginia Department of Forestry. The mayor will be planting a White Flowering Dogwood tree.

In addition, the Virginia Beach Master Gardeners will be distributing free trees to the public at the Kempsville Library from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Central Library from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and the Great Neck Library from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The tree seedlings include Loblolly Pine, River Birch, Green Ash, Saw Tooth Oak and Golden Rain Tree. For further information, call Landscape Services at 427-4461.

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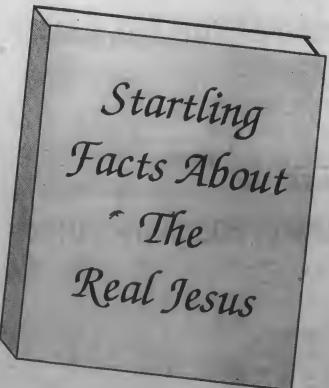
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\$161.6 million expansion of Pavilion proposed, would better link oceanfront area

RAAC envisions grand picture by year 2000

By LEE CAHILL

City Council Reporter

The Resort Area Advisory Commission (RAAC) envisions by the year 2000 an expanded Pavilion connected to the oceanfront five blocks away by a park with a retention pond and tourist related businesses and attractions.

The whole would be connected by a transportation system on a dedicated right of way, the hotels, restaurants and the Virginia Marine Science Museum. The system will run on Pacific Avenue from the Cavalier to the Museum, linking public parking, three miles of hotels and restaurants and the Pavilion.

The price tag for the vision is \$161.6 million which, over 20 years of amortization, would cost the city \$238.4 million. The Combined Oceanfront Real Estate Enterprise (CORE) was presented by RAAC chairman Roger Newill at a city council work session Tuesday, said that the city should not want to be "where you were six years ago."

He said that since the Pavilion, the city's convention center is five blocks from the oceanfront, it is not perceived as a functional part of it.

"The project is bigger than the Pavilion," he said.

Newill emphasized the need to connect the Pavilion with the oceanfront with a pedestrian-friendly park and attractions and to connect the Pavilion with the hotels, motels and restaurants it serves with a transportation system with enclosed, heated and air conditioned vehicles.

The real issue, he said, is when the plan can be implemented.

The proposed budget provides no funds for the Pavilion expansion during the six-year budget period but council previously appropriated \$685,000 for studies.

Some council members were concerned that the plan came up during a period of budget discussions when a tax increase is being considered.

Newill said after over four years of studies funded by the Tourism Growth Investment Fund (TGIF), RAAC has learned about the oceanfront.

RAAC is proposing that the current stream of TGIF funds be

used to retire the incurred debt in 20 years. Complete of CORE itself, contends RAAC, will raise TGIF revenues through amusement taxes and parking revenues, not to mention increased hotel, restaurant and retail revenue increases.

Newill said the funding also includes a five-person staff to run the project and to manage related to private initiatives and the operating funds for the Dolphin, the name given the proposed transportation system.

Components of the plan include:

* The Pavilion expansion itself — \$94 million broken down into \$55 million for construction, \$8 million for the theater expansion,

The whole would be connected by a transportation system on a dedicated right of way.

\$19 million for land acquisition and parking (both surface and garage), and \$12 million for contingencies.

* Pavilion Park — \$26 million of which \$2.5 million would be recovered by selling retaining capacity. This includes a major public space along 21st Street, a retention pond needed as properties between 17th and 22nd Streets are changed from houses to larger areas.

The five blocks from Parks to Pacific between 20th and 21 Streets are assessed at \$12 million. \$18 million was allowed as a purchase price.

Demolition and disposal of existing structures is estimated at \$500,000, less if the structures are moved to another lot.

A retention pond for the 17th-22nd Street, Pacific/Birdneck area would cost \$5 million which can be recovered in part from public and private developments needing retention capacity.

Landscape for 11.5 acres would cost another \$2.5 million.

* The Dolphin — \$600,000 for six new vehicles and \$980,000 a year for operation. The line would

cover seven miles. The Atlantic Avenue Trolley which now serves the resort breaks even at 50 cents a ride.

CORE is expected to elicit related private sector proposals, such as the flagship hotel, entertainment developments, music houses, retail proposals, visitor support services and (indoor) amusement parks.

While the costs of these enterprise might come to \$120 million the property taxes on the investments are \$1.2 million a year. Amusement taxes will add another \$1.5 million and the hotel taxes, \$675,000 a year. These additional funds could be applied to pay CORE bond amortization.

Pacific Avenue improvements would also be included from 16th to 32nd Streets and 21st Street improvements are also in the plan.

Although TGIF funds are encumbered now, Newill said, they will not be in the future.

Newill said land purchases in the area are critical.

If you're talking about moving traffic on Atlantic and Pacific, you're not going to do it, said councilman Linwood Branch.

Councilman Louis R. Jones asked for estimates for building a brand new facility in a better location, as opposed to a renovation of the existing Pavilion. Tourism Development Director James Ricketts said the cost would be \$22 million more.

Jones said he has concerns about the present location because it is not within walking distance of the hotel rooms. If the convention center were located closer to the rooms, he asked whether some of the other costs would be eliminated.

Ricketts said that consultants have said that since the hotels are in a straight line, wherever the convention center is put it will require transportation.

At present, Newill said, the city owns 20 acres and a \$20 million building. We need five blocks badly between the hotels and the convention center.

"I'm just trying to say," said Jones, "let's not limit our vision. It may be spending \$20 million more" to get the right combination.

Newill said that a convention center is not a tax generator; the

□ See \$161.6, Page 6



MESSAGES FROM HOME. Luxford Elementary School students want NATO forces in Bosnia to know that America's schoolchildren are behind them. Sending a big "hello" are Mary Massey, front left, and Mollie Koeding. In back are Ryan Brown, left, and Jason Etheridge.

Photo by Margaret Windley

Students keep homefires burning

Luxford youths show support for NATO forces

By MARGARET WINDLEY
Sun Correspondent

As NATO forces attempt to keep the peace in Bosnia this spring, they will have an added weapon to cheer them in their vigils: a load of friendly letters that went out to them last week from their Adopt-A-School partners at Luxford Elementary School.

As Luxford students continue

their studies, the information that they have learned in the process of writing letters to NATO troops will be an added weapon to help them educationally.

"We were able to generate geography and history lessons from this," said Sandra Baker, fourth grade teacher at Luxford and coordinator for their Adopt-A-School program. "They can find Sarajevo and Bosnia on a map."

The students have also gotten lessons in the importance of religious tolerance from teachers who have spoken to them about the three-way religious split in the former Yugoslavia among Serbian Orthodox Christians, Roman

Catholics and Muslims.

"Part of it is about tolerance," she added. "It's important if we can convince kids that it's stupid to fight over religion."

Every single kid in the school," she explained that the letter-writing effort was going on at all levels at Luxford. "The kindergarteners signed a big heart to give to them. Children their age have to live in such devastating conditions. This was something that enhanced our lives to know that at that very moment somewhere in the world there are other students, other children that are suffering because of war, this war."

The letter-writing concept really caught the attention of the children.

First grader Christian Cortez smiled as he thought about his letter.

"We were like thanking them for helping people in Bosnia, making peace or something."

Manda Hupp, also a first grader, thought happily of her own letter.

"I wrote I hope you can come home soon," she said, "and I drew two American flags and myself, and I drew the White House on the front of it."

Jennifer White, a second grader, pondered fearfully about

her father's military service. "My father might go," she added, thinking of her letter. "I told them I like to read and my name."

Second grader Eric Paul explained what he said in his letter. "I go to Luxford school. I live in Virginia Beach."

"There's a war going on there," said third grader Rebecca Raab. "People are getting killed."

"It's been at war with itself for many years," added Luke Buddles, also a third grader, thinking of the war-torn country. "The people are poor."

Fifth grader Jason Etheridge added, "I wanted to tell them that sometimes that people don't realize that what they are doing is appreciated. What they are doing is appreciated in the United States. We wrote that we hoped that they got home safely and they would keep peace between the two countries."

Congressman Owen Pickett put Adopt-A-School facilitator Sandra Baker in touch with Rear Admiral Merrill Ruck, chief of staff and head of the NATO forces locally and he assigned Lt. Brent Chenard to coordinate the program with her. Chenard is currently in Bosnia and has written letters and sent pictures to the school.

Newly-formed Citizens' Committee launches fight for elderly

Beach-based organization is in information-gathering stage

By VICTORIA HECHT
Sun Editor

You've seen it sensationalized on national television programs. You've heard news accounts of senior citizens subjected to neglect and sub-standard care at nursing facilities.

Perhaps you have a loved one whom you feel isn't getting the proper attention from their caregiver. You've called various agencies about the problem, exhausting all avenues.

Now where do you turn? The Citizens' Committee to Protect the Elderly is here to help. The all-volunteer, non-profit organization is not affiliated with any government agency and is not associated with or funded by any business or medical corporation.

Based in Virginia Beach but serving all of Hampton Roads, the fledgling organization is just three weeks old. It is in its fact-finding stage, collecting information from area residents about their unsatisfactory experiences with nursing facilities.

"People are very concerned about the elderly. There is great frustration in nursing homes and assisted-living facilities," said executive director Bernadette Ambolo. "They've promised all kinds of levels of care, but the public doesn't seem to get what is promised them."

One word sums up the attitudes of the people so far interviewed by the Citizens' Committee to Protect the Elderly: frustration.

Board chairman Robert Sheldon is finding that the committee is often the respondents' last hope for a listening, caring ear. Many people who register complaints to government oversight agencies — or directly to facility administrators — remain dissatisfied because

Ambolo said employees are registering similar frustrations on understaffed facilities and lack of appropriate equipment to do their job.

"One person who called us had 66 patients to take care of the night before," she noted.

And a big problem we're having is what we call 'assisted-living facilities.' The public's perception is that there is a certain level of care or assistance that exists, that does not exist. Many residents require certain types of medical assistance, but the level of expertise does not exist. It is either not getting done, not getting done in a timely fashion, or getting done improperly," Sheldon said.

"They're frustrated with the lack of response from administrators and corporate people," Ambolo continued. "They've been to the administrators and the state agencies. There are about 13 agencies to complain to, but only a certain amount apply to the elderly and assisted-living facilities."

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The horror stories and big mis-

CHECK IT OUT

The newly-formed Citizens' Committee to Protect the Elderly, a division of the Citizens' Committee for Fair Medical Practice, wants to hear your concerns and complaints about Hampton Roads nursing and assisted living facilities. The phone number is 498-8600. Employees and former employees who wish to provide relevant information as a public service will speak directly with a Citizens' Committee board member. All calls remain strictly confidential. The organization is also seeking volunteers.

people involved, but it's just that the system is simply not working. The fact is that the general public is in a state of disappointment and frustration," Sheldon stated. "It's not receding, but collectively growing."

Sheldon said the committee would reveal what it will do with the data collected at a later date.

"What else is the general public to do when the avenues for redress are closed?" he asked.

"Basically, the public has to find a way and a mean to solve their own problem. That's what is on our drawing board."

Even though the organization is in its infancy, Sheldon has already noticed one trend among callers.

"It's almost a mathematical maxim that I've formulated: the worse the conditions in the nursing home or assisted living facility, the more practiced are the personalities of the spokespeople who talk to you and tell you otherwise."

The Citizens' Committee to Protect the Elderly is about empowering the public. Like those calling in, she and Sheldon were just as aggravated with the brick walls they were running into in similar situations.

"They have the right to the information," Ambolo said.

Sheldon offered an analogy of why the organization is so necessary at this time.

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Commentary

Celebrate Earth Day

"The Earth does not belong to man. Man belongs to the Earth. Man did not weave the web of life. He is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself."

Chief Seattle.

Twenty-six years ago, Wisconsin Sen. Gaylord Nelson proposed an idea that many people of his generation thought was off kilter — a day set aside to honor Mother Earth.

Who would have thought two decades ago that Earth Day would evolve to the acclaimed status it enjoys in 1996? But soon after the first recognition of Earth Day on April 22, 1970, two momentous events were celebrated by environmental activists: the passage of the Clean Water Act and the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency.

But environmental awareness is still a relatively young movement that requires the support of every man, woman and child on this planet. If you are doing your part to preserve the Earth for future generations, good job. If you aren't, you should be. No one is saying you have to launch a one-person war to save the planet. But if everyone were to pitch in with their small part, think of the possibilities.

The easiest way to do your part is to practice the "3 R's" of environmentalism each and every day:

■ Reduce — This one is easy and requires the least amount of work. When shopping at the grocery store, choose products with the least amount of packaging. Why take several plastic bags home when you can easily tote all your purchases in one convenient canvas bag? You will have reduced waste output.

■ Reuse — This one requires a little more work. It means storing those plastic bags you brought home from your supermarket visit and taking them with you on your next shopping trip. Present them to the bagger. He may look at you strangely, but if he is Earth-friendly he will understand.

■ Recycle — This requires the most effort, but the paybacks are spiritually and financially rewarding.

In one day alone, for example, 1.5 million pounds of consumer-related aluminum is recycled by Reynolds Aluminum. That is the equivalent to more than 1,470 average-sized garbage truckloads of aluminum being diverted from landfill waste.

And don't forget to recycle your glass, plastic, newspapers and other paper waste. Even clothing and other household items such as furniture and old appliances can be put to good use by donating them to local charities.

In short, constantly look for ways to minimize your impact on the environment.

And this Earth Day, do take the time to smell the roses — literally. Take a hike through one of our many regional parks, take part in Earth Day festivities at Mount Trashmore (the original "mountain of garbage" that saw new life), consciously observe nature's glory around you.

Take the opportunity to look, listen, smell and feel. You might even get a sensory overload! — V.E.H.

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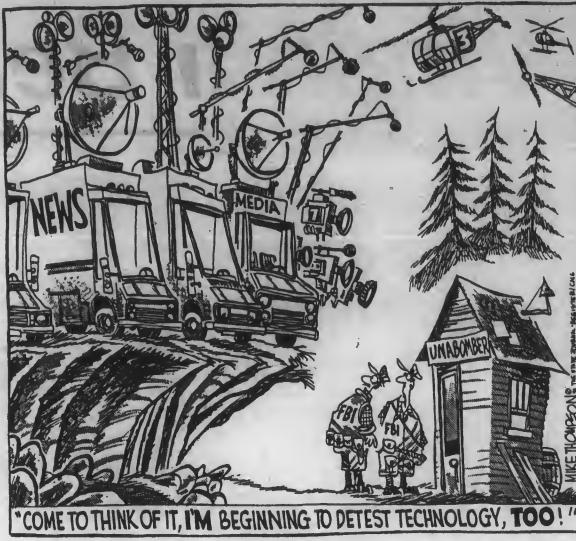
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Supermarkets: the great American frontier

News flash!

It was the biggest thing to hit our neighborhood since the February blizzard knocked out our power for three days: a national supermarket chain was opening a new mega-store with blowout savings and free balloons for the kiddies.

Of course, I had to check it out. Everyone had been watching the former Drug Emporium building for months as construction crews gutted the massive structure and dug up the parking lot. We became accustomed to bulldozers moving slowly down the street as traffic crawled behind it.

Then we waited with unparalleled enthusiasm to see what the future would bring. At last, a sign went up showing pictures of meat, produce and dairy products. A grocery store!

For our middle-class American neighborhood, it was surely a coup — three supermarkets all within a stone's throw of one another. Huray!

Then the winter came, bringing with it snow and ice. Construction stopped. Passing by the empty carcass of a building, I'd sayask Evan, "Think they've given up on it?"

He'd just sort of shake his head in wonderment.

Then the weather cleared again and there were signs of activity on the site. Suddenly, nearly overnight, freshly-painted lines appeared on the parking lot. "Now hiring" signs went up. We knew it was the supermarket to be.

Then ads started appearing in the newspaper counting down to the store's opening. We rejoiced. And finally the day came. The grand opening!

It was a Saturday just about three weeks ago. Cars jammed the huge parking lot. I told myself that I wouldn't go the first day because it would be a madhouse. But cruising by the market, I felt a magnetic pull sucking me in. Fighting, I steered the car past the waving banners and colorful balloons without looking back.

When I got home that afternoon, I took stock of the kitchen inventory. Well, I was low on a few essentials:

eggs, paper towels, ground beef, shampoo. I pulled out a piece of paper, scribbled down my shopping list and then neatly folded it into my coupon organizer.

I had a mission, but a limited one. I would not be tempted by grand opening specials and fancy displays.

I would be strong, get the nine items that I needed and be out of there in a flash.

Who was I kidding?

First, it took me 15 minutes to locate a parking space that required only a three-minute hike to the store. I armed myself with a shopping cart and stepped through the automatic doors to the awaiting chaos.

"What am I getting myself into?" I mumbled, pushing through a bottleneck of carts near a buy-one-get-one-free special and taking in the vast surroundings.

It was a store to beat all stores: full shelves, pristine floors, colorful decorations, wide aisles. Was I in shopping heaven or what, except for the throbbing mass of humanity pulsating around me?

I had visions of the store all to myself, of running down the aisles with no whiny children to trip over.

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of cruising the produce section and picking the freshest, plumpest fruits. Then I was jostled back to reality by a crying 2-year-old sitting in a cart next to mine and spilling punch on my fresh pack of paper towels. The frazzled mother, with three other youngsters in tow, pushed past me on her way to the cereal section.

"OK, that's it," I said with determination. "I'm getting what I need and leaving."

But then again, this wasn't my dependable everyday grocery day. I wasn't use to the setup. I was lost in the world of supermarketdom. It meant I would have to walk each aisle, pushing through carts blocking the way, in my search for necessities.

It would also mean that along the way about 50 things more than I needed would find their way into my cart. At least I was entertained along the way, running into neighbors from the block and folks I used to babysit for. Then I saw the back of another familiar head. I was sure it was my mother-in-law, Mary.

"Excuse me, ma'am, can I see your ID?" I said in her ear. The woman whirled around; luckily it was her or else I'd have been one embarrassed person. We hugged as if we hadn't seen each other in years rather than days.

"I was just trying to call you!" she grinned, pointing to Evan's grandma checking out the aspirin display. "I wanted to see if you wanted to go shopping with us!"

"Well, here I am. Let's shop!" I said eagerly.

"But we're almost done now and we're stuffed. We need to go rest," Mary said.

"Stuffed?" I asked.

"Yes, we're eating our way around the store trying all the free samples. It's not just shopping; it's a meal!"

Then she checked out my cart. I eyed hers. We compared notes on new food products and what we were going to make for supper. Could any supermarket trip be more enthralling? Then we parted ways; I made my way to the long lines and I made my way to the wonderland of fresh produce.

By the time I was done, I was struggling to push the heavily-laden cart.

"What happened to just getting those 10 items?" I chided myself, picking up the latest issue of *The Enquirer* at the checkout lane. Thirty minutes later — after learning about Lisa Marie and Michael's impending divorce, the 50-pound baby and the dog with three heads — I was ready to stroke a check.

"That'll be \$103.55," the lady at the cash register noted.

"But I only came for a few things!" I said wearily as I handed over the check.

"Yeah, honey, it's the same story I've heard all day," she said. "Guess we gotta. You gonna come back here?"

Now that was a loaded question. Quietly I surveyed the pretty surroundings, the colorful produce and the sparkling floors. Then I looked at my checkbook and the brat drooling behind me in line. I heard his mother say "C'mon, c'mon" under her breath.

I said quietly, "I'll think about it," and headed out the automatic doors for the trek to my car.

It wasn't just a supermarket shopping trip, but an adventure into a strange, new world. Still, I determined I'd remain faithful to my good, ole' low-budget standby store through thick and thin.

Middle-class America, ain't it grand? See you at the checkout!

Blowing the whistle on ref abusers

Serving as a basketball referee in the National Basketball Association could be hazardous to your health. On three occasions in less than a month, three top-paid basketball stars have been suspended and fined for butting, bumping and shoving a referee.

Last month, Chicago Bulls forward Dennis Rodman (the one with pink hair, or green hair, or yellow hair...) was suspended for six games and fined \$20,000 for head-butting a referee.

Nick Van Exel, a Los Angeles Lakers point guard, shoved a referee onto a score's table suspended for seven games and fined \$25,000. More recently, the great Magic Johnson, also of the Los Angeles Lakers, bumped into the referee and was suspended for three games and fined \$10,000.

Rod Thorn, the NBA president of Basketball Operations, seemed to be bragging when he said of the Exel suspension and fine, "It was more than Rodman did, therefore, the fine was \$5,000 more and one game more. I think we got Mr. Van Exel's attention."

As Mike Tyson would say, "That's ludicrous."

Those players make millions of dollars a year and a few days suspension and \$25,000 fine will get no one's attention. They should have been suspended for the season. If they did the same thing on the street that they did on the basketball court, they would have gone to jail. Of course, they would not have been convicted, especially in Los Angeles.

American sports is becoming more and more like the games in the Banana Republics, where they kill the officials and trample each other to death. A good example of the deterioration of a sport is tennis.

Before spoiled brats like Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe came upon the scene, tennis was a relatively clean sport until they started cursing, threatening and spilling upon the umpires and other officials. Those responsible for the tournaments did nothing because punks like Connors and McEnroe filled the stands. What is right or wrong makes no difference to tennis officials, as long as the money comes in.

Of course, young children see the "stars" and their disgusting display of temper and understandably think if they can do it, so can I. Unfortunately some of that attitude is showing up at baseball, football and basketball games with little kids playing for the first time.

Sadly, civilization in America is perhaps approaching one of those long winters that overtakes it from time to time.

Welcome to the real world.

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The Witch of Pungo: from legend to lore

Webster defines a witch as "a woman who practices sorcery or is believed to have dealings with the devil; an ugly, vicious old woman; a hag; and, a bewitching young woman or girl." Some of these definitions seem to contradict each other.

So it is with our very own witch of long ago, Grace Sherwood.

When witchcraft spread to the American Colonies from England in the 17th century, Salem, Mass., was the center and most notorious community to punish people accused of being a witch. In actual fact,

19 were hung and one was pressed to death for refusing to plead guilty. Although Princess Anne was not that bad, they did have the only witch that was convicted as a witch in Virginia.

Grace was the only child of John White, a carpenter and small landowner. She married James Sherwood, also a carpenter in 1680, at which time her father deeded land to her husband and they lived on this small farm on Muddy Creek Road with their three children.

It was said that she was beautiful, independent and inclined to be flirtations with other women's husbands. She was reputed to have danced naked in the moonlight and wore men's clothing when she chose to do so. All of these things caused her to be unpopular with her neighbors and in fact some were quite hostile.

During this time, it was very easy to accuse someone of being a witch if it went to court; and it could not be proven then the person or persons making the accusation were fined and had to give a public apology.

In 1698, Grace and her husband brought suit for slander against John and Jane Girome and Anthony and Elizabeth Barnes, but lost both suits.

On Dec. 7, 1705 Grace won a suit against Luke Hill and his wife in which she said Mrs. Hill had trespassed on her property and assaulted her. She was awarded 20 shillings, equivalent to our \$20. The Hills were not happy and, in Feb. 1706, brought suit against Grace for witchcraft.

They claimed she danced in the moonlight and where she danced no grass would grow; that she had bewitched cows to sour their milk; and, that she could make herself small enough to ride in an eggshell. The minutes of the court noted that she had long been suspected of witchcraft.

A jury of women with Elizabeth Barnes, an old enemy, as forewoman, was commanded to examine Grace's body for marks indicative of traffic with the Devil. This jury testified that they had found such marks. Grace would not answer her accusers.

The court refused to pass judgement

and Luke Hill carried his suit to the attorney general in Williamsburg in March 1706. This higher court refused to hear the case and sent it back to Princess Anne. Further examinations and hearing were held in May and June. The sheriff searched the Sherwood house, but no objects of auspicious nature were found. Grace was said to have enjoyed her notoriety, laughing at her accusers.

Finally on July 5, the county court, anxious to close out the case, decided to subject her to a "trial by water" where if she drowned, she would be declared innocent; if she survived she would be declared guilty.

Since Grace was swim and was good at tying knots, she readily consented. The ducking site was at a point in the Lynnhaven River near John Harper's plantation which is known today as Witchduck Point. Bad weather caused the ducking to be postponed to July 10; it seemed the court felt the bad weather would endanger her health.

The big day finally came. It was told that families from over the colony arrived to view this history making event. The day was warm, sunny and bright and legend has it that before she was thrown over the side of the boat, Grace told the spectators they would get a water ducking when she.

She was stripped naked; her right thumb was tied to her left large toe and her left thumb tied to her right large toe. She was examined by the women to make sure she was not carrying anything to aid her in the water. She did not drown and was therefore declared guilty of being a witch.

Legend continues to report that as Grace was taken out of the water, a severe storm came up. Tradition says hundreds of people were washed into roadside ditches and drowned trying to escape the fury of the storm. Grace spent the next seven years in jail, unbowed and unrepentant. Her husband died intestate in 1708 while she was in jail.

By 1715 the furor over witchcraft had gone out of style and Governor Spotswood granted Grace her release and gave her 140 acres of land in recompense. She had to pay only two pounds of tobacco per acre. This land was adjacent to her own land on Muddy Creek. For the next 25 years no one dared molest her and she lived peacefully with her son until her death in 1740. When her will was probated she left everything to her son, John, except for five shillings apiece left to her other two sons, James and Richard. The inventory in her will except for the land was listed as:

"I steer and heifer 3 years old
2 heifers at 2 years old
1 hand mill
1 frame table with a draw
1 chest and box
1 iron spit
1 box iron
3 low chairs
1 English blanket
1 iron pot
1 pewter dish & basin."

Fact or fiction, history or legend, Grace Sherwood lived before her time, has gone down in history and will always be remembered as the "Witch of Pungo."

Crime Solvers on case of assault, robbery suspects: help sought

A 30-year-old woman was attacked and assaulted in attempt robbery on Holland Road in Virginia Beach.

On Monday, March 25 at about 3 a.m., an employee of Alibi's Restaurant and Lounge on Holland Road in the Holland Center was attacked as the business was closing. The two men assaulted her in the attempted robbery.

One of the men is described as white, in his 20s, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, 170 pounds, medium build, with brown hair cut short on the top and to his collar in the back. He was wearing light-colored blue jeans and jacket.

The second man is black, in his late 20s or early 30s, 6-feet-4-inches tall, 240 pounds, with a muscular build and short black hair. He was wearing a ball cap and backwards and a multi-colored flannel shirt and dark blue jeans.

Anyone with information should

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By Detective Michael G. Dewart, Virginia Beach Police Department

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Up close and personal

Rieneke Leenders: Faces of the world

By VICTORIA HECHT
Sun Editor

Few people will ever have the opportunity to travel the world the way Virginia Beach watercolor artist Rieneke Leenders did: five years, six continents, 57 countries.

But they can see it through a painter's eyes with the wonderful images Leenders captured on film during her global odyssey. Culling the most vivid pictures from more than 8,000 photographs, she transforms these wondrous countries and their people into breathtaking portraits that touch the soul.

Leenders says it best in her own words, "I'm still traveling the world by painting the people we have met. The warm memories of our encounters made such a big impact on me, it still rules my life. I am compelled to paint these beautiful people. I hope the cultural diversity will stay forever, for this is what makes this world so fascinating."

Leenders, a native of the Netherlands, was like many Europeans: she yearned to travel. But while many of her countrymen were content to visit the Alps or the Mediterranean, she wanted to go beyond.

Then young Leenders met her soulmate and future husband, Thijis, who also shared her passion for travel. Eventually they became engaged and worked a year, scrimping and saving every cent for their honeymoon — the trip of a lifetime. After marrying, they embarked on a globe-trotting adventure that lasted nearly five years.

"We thought it would take two or three years, but the world is bigger than we thought and the money stretched further," she smiled coyly while sitting in the art studio of her Kempsville home. "You want to hear the whole route?"

From Europe the couple decided to embark to Africa, across the Sahara Desert and "follow the main routes," often taking the roads less travelled. On each continent the Leenders bought a new RV after learning it would be just as expensive to ship one from continent to continent.

After their African adventure, the couple dropped off belongings at home in the Netherlands before taking off to South America. Once there, they covered the country by every means imaginable: foot, boat, bus and eventually buying another camper.

From there it was coast to coast across North America, then Hawaii and Hong Kong, Australia, Asia and the Middle East.

"Then we were back in Europe — there you have it! When you're back, you're back," said Leenders.

Along the way the couple sought out not only interesting sites, but people as well. The latter proved the most fascinating and perfect fodder for Leenders' artistic endeavours. thumbing through a photo album thick with pictures, it was almost as if she were reliving the journey again.

"This is Calcutta," Leenders said, pointing out a photograph of a young woman holding a child. "We didn't have a vehicle there because it's no use; you can't get it through. We arrived in Calcutta and stayed at the Salvation Army, where we saw some Germans we had travelled with for a few months. They were in Calcutta to pick up a beautiful baby they had fallen in love with and were going to adopt."

Each passing day, the Leenders



discovered they were growing closer to the people of the exotic countries they visited. Their attentions were drawn less to sites and more to the individuals of each land.

"It's people. The longer we travelled the more we focused on them and not the main attractions like the Taj Mahal. You hear so much about these places, you have expectations, and half the time it's disappointing. But not the people. They're always different. And because we travelled by camper we were always very close to them. We spent the nights in the villages and they'd walk out to us. We loved them. There was hardly a country where the people were not friendly. It was good experiences."

Often, the two would throw caution to the wind and travel to dangerous locales — Uganda, Rhodesia and Iran — despite others' warnings.

"Well, Uganda we did go through pretty quick. But Iran? We found the soldiers weren't crazy; they were nice! Trying to get gas at the gas station — and there was a shortage, believe it or not — people would say, 'Come, come, come! Take my place!' Does that happen here? No. We planned to go through there in four days, but ended up staying three weeks."

After their around-the-world odyssey, it

was difficult for the couple to stop travelling. This started a business organizing safaris, and the two continued their journeys for a few more years. They went to places they missed during their honeymoon and revisited places they wanted to see again.

Now they call Hampton Roads home. With two young sons in school, their travelling days are behind them — but not forgotten.

Leenders' works are currently on display in two exhibits: a one-woman show entitled "Beyond the Waters: Faces of the World" at the Potraska Gallery in Olde Towne Portsmouth, and as part of the 12th Annual Spring Members Show of the Chesapeake Bay Watercolorists at WHRO-TV in Norfolk.

Name: Catharina Christina Leenders, or Rieneke Leenders.

What brought you to this area: My husband, who imports flower bulbs for a Dutch company.

Hometown: I have lived in too many places, but my native country is the Netherlands.

Bir'date: I am 40-something.

Nickname: No nickname.

Occupation: Mother, wife, housekeeper, gardener, volunteer, chauffeur, teacher, carpenter, housepainter and artist.

Marital status: Married for several years already to Thijis Leenders.

Children: Floris, my son of 14 years, who will next year go to high school and also attend the Governor's School for the Arts; and, Robin, my 11-year-old son, who will go to middle school next year. He is also in the gifted program for science.

Favorite movie: "Forrest Gump" was the last movie I saw, and I liked it (I guess I don't see many).

Magazines I regularly read: I don't read magazines on a regular basis, except for artists' magazines.

Favorite author: James Michener.

Favorite night out on the town: I wouldn't mind having that once. I'd go to a theater or concert and have a nice dinner — in style — at Le Chambord or something.

Favorite restaurant: India Restaurant on Northampton Boulevard.

Favorite meal: Indian curries and Beaujolais Nouveau, not to be combined though.

What most people don't know about me: I am very insecure, but I hide it with my big mouth.

Best thing about myself: I'm dependable.

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THE ARTS

ARTS BRIEFS

The Potrafka Gallery, located on Washington Street in Olde Towne Portsmouth, will host its first concert this Sunday, April 21 at 7 p.m. Featured will be the well-known acoustic Celtic and Scottish group Thistle and Roses. There will be a \$5 admission charge at the door. For more information or reservations, call 399-4774.

The Encore Players will present Dan Goggin's lively musical comedy "Nunsense" for one performance only at the Naval Amphibious Base Theater on Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door before the performance, and the prices are \$6 adult and \$4 senior or child 12 and under.

For reservations and information, call 460-5152.

This performance is open to the general public entering the base through Gate 5 at Independence Boulevard and Shore Drive.

An organ concert by Thomas Dahl, director of music at Hauptkirche St. Petri in Hamburg, Germany will be presented a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 19 at Norfolk First Lutheran Church, 1301 Colley Ave. Call for more information. A reception will follow the concert.

The Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center will present its 1996 Juried Printmaking Exhibition with works in various printmaking media juried by Ken Daley, professor of art at Old Dominion University. A public reception for the artists will be held at the Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center, located at the corner of 2800 Shore Dr. and Great Neck Road. The exhibition will be open from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily through June 1. No admission fee. Call 481-9000 for more information.

Does your child love to sing? The Virginia Children's Chorus will hold auditions for the upcoming 1996-97 Season on June 8 and 11 in Norfolk. Auditions must be scheduled in advance. Boys and girls, ages 6 to 18, excellent voice training, sing beautiful, multicultural music and performs with professional musicians throughout Hampton Roads and beyond. Beginners are welcome.

For more information on how the Virginia Children's Chorus can help you child discover the joys of singing, call 397-0779.

The Adult Learning Center is showing the works of Anne Weatherly Stephens, renowned calligrapher, and the photographs of Mel Klein of New York Photography in the Adult Learning Center foyer.

These exhibits are on display through May at the Adult Learning Center, 4160 Virginia Beach Blvd. in Virginia Beach.



ACTION! Anthony Zarro and wife Renee step behind the cameras again to film their newest flick, "Murder Club," here in Hampton Roads. A fund-raising event is set for April 23.

Filmmaker comes home for newest production

Aria Pictures set to shoot 'Murder Club' in Tidewater

The Virginia-based film company Aria Pictures has announced the production of its newest independent motion picture, "Murder Club," which is scheduled to be shot here in Hampton Roads later this season.

President and co-founder of Aria Antonio Zarro has received numerous accolades for his work. Many remember the Academy Award he won for his work as the writer and director of the 1987 film, "Bird in a Cage." His film short "Carmencita" was selected as a finalist in the International Cannes Film Festival in 1991.

Zarro's success prompted several calls from Hollywood studios, a feature article in the L.A. Times, and numerous urgings for him to move west to direct. Zarro, however, chose to remain in Virginia in order to write and direct his own independent projects.

In 1990, he formed Aria Pictures with his wife and entertainment lawyer, Renee Zarro, in order to fulfill his vision of producing independent Virginia-based films.

Since its conception in 1990, Aria Pictures has acquired a long list of awards for its

production of videos, commercials, industrials, and films which include Tellys, Addys, Cindy's, and New York Film Festival Awards. Zarro's work has aired locally, nationally and internationally.

Aria Production's most recent project, "Murder Club," is scheduled to be shot later this year using nearly all Virginia talent on both sides of the camera. "Murder Club's" producer, Renee Zarro, describes the film as "a romantic thriller with comedic overtones."

Written with Norfolk in mind, the script and shooting style will seek to promote the beauty and variety of the city while providing advertising opportunities for local businesses. Several local businesses — including Gene Walter's Marketplace, Yorgo's and Dog-N-Burger among others — have joined national companies such as Coca-Cola and M&M/Mars by jumping on the ever-growing bandwagon of corporate supporters.

A large portion of the financial backing needed for the production has already been obtained from these and other Virginia-based resources. In an attempt to secure the final monies needed to complete the production budget, a fundraising party is scheduled for April 27 from 7 - 9 p.m. at Bugatti's in Norfolk. Some of the invited guests include the Gov. George Allen and Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim.

Appearing in this special production will be three up-and-

The Chrysler celebrates April with a burst of color: inside and out

In April The Chrysler Museum of Art celebrates the colors of spring with a brilliant-hued trio of special exhibitions. Savor the pure prismatic palette of "West Africa's Gold Coast in ASAFO! African Flags of the Fante," a dazzling display of 45 Ghanaian military flags on view in the museum's 20th-century galleries through June 2.

Sample the glorious colors and luminous glazes of Galle, Royal Doulton and Tiffany ceramics in art pottery from the Collection of The Chrysler Museum of Art, a selection of rare 19th- and early 20th-century European and American pottery. Drawn exclusively from the Museum's permanent collection, this exhibition is in the Decorative Arts Gallery through Oct. 20.

Beginning April 21, survey the vivid, sun-drenched photographs of Coney Island, Daytona Beach and New Orleans' Mardi Gras in "American Color: Photographs by Constantine Manos," on exhibit through Aug. 4 in the Alice and Sol B. Frank Photography Gallery.

Manos will inaugurate "American Color" with a gallery talk at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, at which time he will discuss his kaleidoscopic and often ironic images. After the talk, a reception and booksigning will be held for the new book, "American Color: Constantine Manos," until 8:30 p.m. Call 664-6200 for reservations. The event is free.

As part of the Virginia Beach/Princess Anne Garden Club Tour, on Sunday, April 21 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. the Adam Thoroughgood House and grounds will be open and decorated in 17th-century splendor. Purchase tickets on the day of the tour at the Adam Thoroughgood House for \$4 per person or \$12 for a block ticket.

As part of the Norfolk Garden Club Tour, on Thursday, April 25 tour the Moses Myers House and the Willoughby-Baylor House. These 18th-century houses and gardens will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Purchase tickets on the day of the tour at the Willoughby-Baylor House for \$4 per house or \$12 for a block ticket.

Music, workshops and live animals will highlight the annual celebration of Earth Day at The Chrysler Museum of Art on Sunday, April 21 from 1 - 5 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m. Huber Court, Musician/minstrel Bob Zentz will entertain families with "Songs for a Better World." The concert will feature songs about caring for our world and our environment. At 2:30 p.m. join Jerry Tompkins, Norfolk Public Schools Art History Specialist, on a safari through the galleries that will focus on animals in art. Afterwards, children can design their own animal masks and puppets while learning about endangered animals and what can be done to protect them. Animals from the Virginia Zoological Park will be on the Museum lawn from 3 until 4:30 p.m. for children to see and pet.

Earth Day is a part of the Museum's Family Fun series and is made possible in part by a grant from Virginia Power. For information on Earth Day, call 664-6268.

Virginia Opera SPECtrum artists, Bay Youth Orchestra team up for special performance

Virginia Opera's SPECtrum Artists, in conjunction with the Bay Youth Orchestra of Virginia, present "The Family Series" on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the elegant Edythe C. and Stanley L. Harrison Opera House in Norfolk.

This event will pull together the talents of young individuals participating in Virginia Opera's Resident SPECtrum Artist Program and Bay Youth Orchestra. The Resident SPECtrum Artist Program of Virginia Opera under the direction of Jerome Shannon, artistic director of the Resident SPECtrum Artist Program, is one of the premiere training programs for young American singers in the United States.

Throughout the year competitive auditions are conducted nationally from Los Angeles to Chicago and Norfolk to New York City. After auditioning more than 1,000 applicants, Virginia Opera invites 20 of the most talented and promising young vocal artists to join the company in Norfolk for a six- to 24-week program. The program includes private coaching with General and Artistic Director Peter Mark and the opera's professional staff, guest appearances with Virginia Opera in one of the four mainstage opera productions, presentations in a formal recital program, community outreach concerts and in-school performances throughout Virginia.

Through outreach programs such as this, Virginia Opera (the only statewide company in the United States), is able to reach an audience of 260,000 people of all ages.

Appearing in this special production will be three up-and-

coming young SPECtrum artists including soprano and native Texan Malinda Haslett. Although she just completed her master's degree in opera, she already holds more than 10 roles in her repertoire. They include Marzelline in "Fidelio," Sister Constance in "Dialogues of the Carmelites," Miss Wordsworth in "Albert Herring" and both the First Lady and Papageno in "Die Zauberflöte," as well as a number of world premieres.

Amy Butler, mezzo-soprano, is a native of Iowa where she received her bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Iowa in 1992. Butler was a soloist and member of the University of Iowa Kantorei which toured the former Soviet Union and South Korea.

Steven Anderson, a baritone from Oklahoma who has extensive experience performing children's operas, joins Virginia Opera this season as a SPECtum Artist.

These three artists will accompany a group of 275 musicians from the Bay Youth Orchestra performing in three separate orchestras. This organization of young instrumentalists come from the

Hampton Roads area including, Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Suffolk, Virginia Beach and Williamsburg. Many of the young musicians come to the program without any prior classical background and are trained under the guidance of Greg Barnes, music director of Bay Youth Orchestra of Virginia.

Last year, each of their performances was attended by 500 to 1000 individuals. The Bay Youth Orchestra has performed with Bob McGrath of "Sesame Street" and Norman Foote of Disney Recordings.

The purpose of programs such as "The Family Series" is to broaden and enrich the cultural-experiences of children and the community, to provide a lifelong appreciation of music. The Family Series will be held at the Harrison Opera House in Norfolk on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children and can be purchased by calling the Virginia Opera Box Office at 623-1223.

To attend this performance for coverage or to receive additional information on the Virginia Opera Education Department, contact Austin R. Whitmore at 627-9545 ext. 325.

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EDUCATION



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Learning to Listen speaker tackles ecology

"Creating an 'Environmental Conscience'" is the third topic in the Learning to Listen lecture and discussion series during the spring semester. Michael Kessler, Hampton Roads manager of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, will speak on Tuesday, April 23 at 11 a.m. in the Village II Commons at Virginia Wesleyan College.

At noon, a panel discussion will be held with the speaker and VWC faculty members Verne Keefer, professor of biology; Larry Hultgren, professor of philosophy; and Melaine Perreault, instructor of history. The panel discussion will be moderated by VWC Chaplain Scott E. Davis. This series is sponsored by the Chaplain's Office and the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Reservations are requested; call the college at 455-3200 for more information.

"Ecological Conscience" is the term coined by Aldo Leopold to describe the land ethic required to protect our natural systems: "A land ethic, then; reflects the existence of an ecological conscience, and this in turn reflects a conviction of individual responsibility for the health of the land."

In his presentation, Kessler will explore the concept of individual responsibility for the restoration and preservation of our natural environment, drawing upon the ideas of environmental activists such as Henry David Thoreau, John Muir and Rachel Carson.

Kessler will also summarize the current state of the Chesapeake Bay and the factors causing its decline and address the goals, regulations and community involvement necessary to restore the bay or any natural system.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is dedicated to environmental defense, education and land conservation. The goals of the Learning to Listen series are to promote diversity, understanding and cooperation, based on mutual respect and the desire to build a healthy community. Audience members will have the opportunity to cultivate the art of listening and to apply the principles of conflict resolution as they actively engage diverse perspectives.



Michael Kessler

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READY, SET, ROLL! And they're off! Windsor Oaks Elementary School's ingenious food race proved a big hit with the young and the young-at-heart.

Veggies: not just good for you, but they even roll, too

By MARGARET WINDLEY
Sun Correspondent

Potatoes, cucumbers, carrots and raisins: maybe you can't build new cars with them, but the fourth grade students at Windsor Oaks Elementary did last Friday.

And they even held a race to see which vehicle moved the most quickly. The race was part of a national contest — the Lunchbox Derby — dreamed up as a means of encouraging children to eat wholesome foods.

Suspense was built by allowing students to draw pictures of their vehicles beforehand and place them in the hallway, giving curious onlookers time to wonder whose vehicle would be fastest. Would it be the one put together by the team called the "Lemons," with limes for wheels and an olive as driver? Or "Cool Cucumber," whose driver was a potato, with celery for hair and raisins for eyes?

"The kids are using fruits and vegetables to build cars," said Corinne Cornwell, a parent volunteer.

"There are 20 teams, making cars of their own design from healthy fruits and vegetables. It's not only the science and physics of how things move, but also if you eat well your body will run longer. The teachers have tied it all together so that the kids are getting a large lesson in math, science, health, team spirit, and interpersonal relationships. There are four or five students per team. It's hands-on education."

"I know we are the only school in Virginia Beach that is doing it," said Karen Brandl, a parent volunteer whose husband made ramps for the race. "And we are hoping it will be a lot of fun. They have designed their own cars. During Iowa testing they were able to work on this." She paused in her work preparing the edibles for the race to show a guest around the school.

Kempsville set to shine during Future Problem Solving bowl

Six Kempsville area Future Problem Solving teams, under the direction of coach Carolyn Stamm, were selected to compete in the Future Problem Solving State Championship Bowl on April 19 - 20 at Ocean Lakes High School in Virginia Beach.

Representing two Kempsville High School teams are Jennifer Dozier, Michelle Piccioni, Matthew Sachs, Natalie Sidner, Amanda Dozier, Eugene Kelly, Andy Le, Sarah Margule and Scott Sachs. Four teams will be representing Kempsville Middle School, the only middle school from Virginia Beach to have teams selected to compete in the Future Problem Solving State Championship.

The KMS teams are sixth graders Sara Cahill, Tyler Crain, Meghan Denham, Dawn Le, and Kristen Parker; seventh graders Patricia Angelo, Karen Otto, Ethan Sabin and Zach Schweitzer; and eighth graders Ashley Faust, Lara McBride, Emily Mead, Christie Padgett, Amanda Carter, Mike Frasca, James McGrath and Andrea Polychroni.



IT'LL ROLL! Windsor Oaks Elementary students don't just eat their food, they play with it, too! Crafting racers from fruits and vegetables, they proved that nutritious food was sturdier than junkfood when put to the test.

"They will be putting them together," said Tina Frame, another parent volunteer preparing vegetables for the children to use later that day to make the racecars.

"I will be recording the scores to see how far they went," added Brandl. "We will submit pictures of our cars and statistics about how far they went."

"They had to use specific items to do this," emphasized Mary Schulte, a fourth grade teacher at the school who had been heavily involved in the program. "They had to use three skewers, four toothpicks, and one rubber band and at least three fruits and vegetables. They did their own activity sheets as they went on."

Explaining that the race had allegorical significance, Schulte added, "The purpose of this is to show that healthy fruits and vegetables make you live longer and healthier lives than junk food."

She displayed two cars made out of junk food by the team as part of the fun.

"The teachers have built cars out of junk food," she said. "They will fall apart."

Brandl spoke proudly of the hard work of Schulte and another fourth grade teacher, Debbie

Gowen. "She and Mrs. Gowen have worked so terribly hard to get all this together," she said. "The kids are really excited about this."

Jason Updyke, one of the school's Adopt-A-School partners with the military, had been recruited as a judge.

"I have never done this before," he smiled. "I am learning. I enjoy working with the kids. I'll judge for creativity, stability, whether they will hold up or not."

And who won? On the winning team, the "C Tops," Chanda Cross, Kevin Dillahanty, Chelsie Darling (driver) had big smiles to spare as they showed off the winning vehicle, which had gone about 270-1/2 inches, or approximately 22.5 feet, a squash with oranges for tires and a carrot as driver.

"The little squash were too small," explained Chanda. "Oranges were healthy for wheels, and we chose the evenest ones. The bigger oranges were on the back."

Special thanks also went to both racer driver Terry Kritzer and to the Eurosport Company for bringing racecars to the school for a special exhibit related to the derby.



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New twist, old tale

If British literature had been taught like this more professors would be needed in all institutions of higher learning. From New York City and Young Audiences, Mary Clarke and Andre Braun (in costume) put Cape Henry Collegiate middle schoolers Bridget Bradley and Brandon Beavers to work as oarsmen on a Viking vessel in a retelling of the tale of "Beowulf." They used sight gags, puns and bad jokes, which kept the audience in stitches.

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Civic

The Virginia Beach Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its 18th Annual "Best All Around Awards" ceremony for youths involved in the Virginia Beach Parks and Recreations' Before and After School Activity Centers and other programs throughout the Community Centers and Therapeutic Department on Friday, May 10 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Salem Middle School Auditorium and Cafeteria, 2380 Lynnhaven Pkwy.

This year's guest speaker is Amber Medlin, Miss Virginia 1995. Also, invited guests include Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf, members of Virginia Beach City Council, local school officials, and family members of participants.

Samaritan House, a shelter for homeless families, battered women and children, needs volunteers to assist with the children's program. Volunteers will assist the children's staff coordinator with specialized activities such as arts and crafts, field trips or support group activities.

Orientation will be held Thursday, May 16 from 7-9 p.m. at the business office, 2697 International Pkwy., Parkway 3, Suite 122 (across from Lynnhaven Mall) or Tuesday, May 21 from 10:30 a.m.-noon at Virginia Beach Central Library, 2400 Virginia Beach Blvd. For more information, call 430-2642.

The American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers to work in the Run for Life (a 24-hour relay) May 31 and June 1. Volunteers are needed for registration and logistics. If interested, call the American Cancer Society. This year the Relay for Life race will be held at Great Neck Middle School starting Friday, May 31 at 6 p.m. and ending Saturday, June 1 at 6 p.m.

Clubs

The April meeting of the Virginia Beach Association of Medical Assistants will be held April 24 at 7 p.m. at the Health Education Building at Virginia Beach General Hospital. The speaker will be Dr. John Clarke, a general, vascular and thoracic surgeon. He will discuss non-invasive vascular studies and have a demonstration of Doppler ultrasounds. For reservations, call Evelyn at 460-4545.

The Tidewater Division of the National Model Railroad Association (N.M.R.A.) will hold

its April meet starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20 at Virginia Wesleyan College's Village II Commons. The meet will feature clinics on "scratchbuilding" railroad models and structures (i.e., building the models from raw materials instead of kits); and on how to use an N.M.R.A. track gauge. The meet will also feature "white elephant" tables of model railroad items for sale by division members.

Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a Resolve Through Sharing support group meeting on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the West Wing Conference Room. This support group helps parents recover from the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant death. Parents are welcome to share their feelings or just listen to others who understand and care.

Delegates from the 55 chapters located in all sections of Virginia which form the Virginia Federation of Chapters for the National Association of Retired Federal Employees will hold their annual convention at the Cavalier Oceanfront Hotel in Virginia Beach. Delegates will begin arriving on Sunday, April 21.

The president's reception will be held Sunday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. Registration badges are required for admission. Opening ceremonies will begin on Monday, April 22 at 9:30 a.m., with Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, welcoming the delegates. Upon completion of the opening ceremonies, the first business session will begin. The convention adjourns at noon, Wednesday, April 24.

Princess Anne Plaza Garden Club has invited Master Gardener Barbara Lott to the April 24 meeting at 7:30 p.m. The topic is "Small Space Gardening." For further information, call 463-2288.

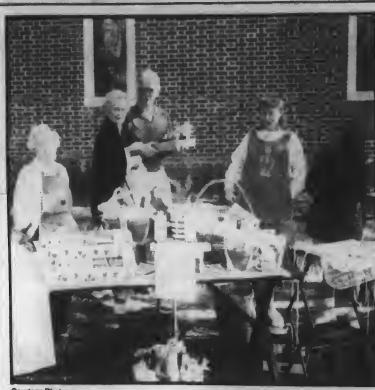
Education

Burger King Night for Ocean Lakes Elementary School is Monday, April 29 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Come to dinner and have the food grade teachers serve your food. A percentage of the proceeds goes to the school.

Ocean Lakes Elementary School will hold a math night on Tuesday, April 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Elapsed time and decimals will be discussed. Come out and learn how to help your homework.

On Wednesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. Linkhorn Park Elementary will hold a Math/Science Family Night. Students are invited to participate in a variety of activities related to math and science. There will be activities for every grade level.

On Monday, April 22 the



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Fresh for the season

St. Martha's Herb Circle, Women of Eastern Shore Chapel, 20 Laskin Rd., will be hosting its second annual herb sale on Saturday, May 4 beginning at 9 a.m. The plants are being supplied by Linda's Garden in Pungo. Because of the tremendous response to the '95 sale, the circle will offer twice as many this year. St. Martha's Herb Garden was started in 1992 as a culinary aid to the parish kitchen.



Natural dyeing will be the subject of a day-long, hands-on workshop entitled "Colors to 'Dye' For" at the historic Francis Land House in Virginia Beach. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The fee of \$40 includes all supplies. Participants will learn to forage for natural material for dyeing, learn techniques of mordanting, including an indigo vat) and create samples of dyed yarns to take home. All dyeing will be done outside over an open fire. Teachers will receive eight recertification points under Option 10. Class size is limited and reservations are required. Call 431-4000 for information and reservations.

Parents will not want to miss the next Landstown Middle School PTA meeting on Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. Following a brief meeting, four different breakout sessions will be offered. Topics include: how to help your children achieve in school, how to increase communication between home and school, are you safe — concerning home and neighborhood safety and what always wanted to know about computers but was afraid to ask.

Cape Henry Collegiate School will be hosting a science "sharing workshop" for all teachers K-5 in independent schools on April 30 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Make reservations by April 26 by calling 481-4978, ext. 252.

This event is designed to develop communication between independent schools, to share favorite science experiments, and unlike most workshops, will be of no cost to teachers attending.

The Arrowhead Elementary PTA Spring Carnival has been scheduled for Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Special events include pony rides, petting zoo, children's games, moon walk, bake sale, dunk tank, clowns, face painting and more. Special visitors will be Ronald McDonald, Grimace, Rip Tide and McGruff. A police car, a fire engine from Station No. 9, a Children's World bus, and a rescue vehicle will be on display.

Summertime's calling with a free concert in the sand! The Second Annual Beach Music Weekend is Friday, May 10 through Sunday, May 12 at the Virginia Beach oceanfront. Put on your flip flops and get ready to shag in the sand and listen to some of the biggest names in beach music! All entertainment is free and open to the public:

■ Friday, May 10 it's Bill Deal, Ammon Tharp and The Original Rhondells at the 17th Street Park Stage. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

■ Saturday, May 11 it's The Tams and Chairmen of the Board at the 30th Street Stage built in the sand! Doors open at 11 a.m.

■ Sunday, May 12 it's The Embers and The Spinners at the 30th Street Stage in the sand. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

Food and beverages will be available. All concerts will take place rain or shine.

Faces of the world

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Worst habit: I am too fast with my opinions.

Pets: Cody the cockroach (he likes to show up when people are visiting); and Dennis the Menace (a cockatiel) and Bibi (a small parrot) — both very destructive.

Hobbies: Painting. I have to force myself to stop to cook dinner or take the kids to soccer.

Ideal vacation: Another trip around the world the same way we did before — in a camper.

Pet peeves: When driving I hate it when people don't use their indicators (signals).

First job: Cleaning toilets on a campground.

Worst job: Cleaning toilets on a campground.

Favorite sports team: Kempsville Scorpions of the Virginia Beach Soccer Club. Both my sons are on a Scorpions team.

Favorite musicians: George Benson and Stan Getz.

I would like my epitaph to read: I don't care for an epitaph. I hope when I die that people will know me and I don't need an epitaph to say who I am.

If I received \$1 million: I would make another long, long world trip.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I'm not ready for that (yet).

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Nearly every do-it-yourselfer buys paint. Yet how many of us know what's in the paint we buy?

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But even that is only part of the story. Depending upon the type

and amount of binder used, it can affect a paint's flexibility, scrub resistance, color retention, gloss retention and many other characteristics.

According to the Paint Quality Institute, an excellent type of binder is the "acrylic" used in many brands of high quality exterior latex paint. Quality acrylic binders provide exceptional adhesion and flexibility, making paint highly durable — so much so, that top quality acrylic latex exterior paints often last twice as long as ordinary paints, say the experts.

Pigments — the second solid component of paint — are used primarily to establish the color of the paint.

But it may surprise you to learn that certain pigment, called "extenders," can also affect a paint's durability, scrub resistance and other properties.

Additives are incorporated into paint for reasons relating to both performance and appearance. For example, some additives help exterior paint ward off surface mildew; others make the paint flow better (or go on easier) as you apply it.

All of this can get highly technical, even for paint industry insiders, so the Paint Quality Institute offers this advice:

When you go to buy paint, ask for a top quality product. Typically, the cost per gallon will be only a few dollars more than for ordinary paint. But the quality ingredients will likely offer many more years of good performance.

Building a family and a business: it's time to cut some more grass

By RON ST. JOHN

Once upon a time, Ron St. John asked Norma Buchanan if she would marry him. This was at least the fifth or sixth time he had asked during a long five-year courtship.

So she answered, "Well, don't you think it's time you bought me a ring?"

Such a sweet memory of how our romance began to show signs of permanence.

Our next date was to the jewelry store where it was Ron's intention to impress Norma, his newly consented bride-to-be. At the engagement ring display Ron began taking out his money. He pulled 20s from this pocket, 10s from that pocket, and a few 50s from his wallet placing the crumpled bills in a great big pile on the glass cabinet.

Norma sorted them out, stacked them up and came to a total.

"Ron, you can't buy me the ring I need for this kind of money," she said.

"OK," I replied. "What sort of a ring do you need?"

"At least a karat," she said

without a flinch.

"OK," I said. "Pick out whatever you want and I'll make arrangements to pay for it."

It came to a whopping sum which was greater than any figure I had ever imagined I would be paying for a piece of jewelry. "Wow! I wonder how I can pay for that?"

"Can you cut grass?" she asked.

So, the new rhyme is:

Ron and Norma went to the jewelry,

To prepare for their wedding,

Ron cut grass for money,

And Norma got the ring.

This real story is not finished yet. Our wedding was on board the American Rover, the three-masted sailing ship which docks at Waterside. It was a good time of family, fun, shorts, sneakers and sun glasses. The price tag on a three-hour tour with 80 friends and relatives, all needing something to eat — well, I had to cut a lot more grass.

Then our baby, Hannah, was born nine months and 10 minutes after the wedding. More grass.

Now, we need a bigger home. Now that Hannah is 2 years old, she wants a house with a back yard and a dog in it. Oh yes, and grass.

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CASA sets fund-raising tournament for April 25

Virginia Beach Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc. (CASA) is holding its second annual fund raising golf tournament April 25 at Hell's Point Golf Club. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

CASA is seeking sponsors for the tournament, which last year raised more than \$10,000 to support the work of its organization: to ensure that the abused and neglected children of Virginia Beach have trained CASA volunteers to speak for them in court.

CASA needs tournament sponsors and players; sponsorships are \$1,000 for major sponsors, which includes a foursome, and \$300 for a hole sponsor. Sponsorships include a listing in the tournament booklet to be given to each golfer; the sponsor's name will also be displayed at the tee box. Foursomes may enter the CASA tournament for \$320 and the entry fee for individual players is \$85. A buffet dinner and awards presentation will follow the tournament; door prizes will be given out.

"This is an opportunity for everyone concerned about child abuse to offer support for Virginia Beach CASA; we are constantly seeking new sources of funding to augment our operating budget," said Director Edith Duggan.

Court Appointed Special Advocates is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for a safe and permanent home for each abused or neglected child who comes through the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Funding is derived from private or public grants and donations, none of which is a reliable or long-term source.

Virginia Beach CASA is one of 610 such programs throughout the United States. In fiscal year 1995, 39 Virginia Beach CASA volunteer advocates handled 67 abuse and/or abuse neglect cases involving 147 child victims. Duggan points out that "this is only a fraction of the cases that desperately need the help of the CASA but we are limited by a lack of funding to train volunteer supervisors."

This year, CASA is offering two grand prizes to tournament winners; a week at Harbor Town Golf Links on Hilton Head Island and a week at Pohatcong Plantation Resort, Williamsburg.

Player appreciations for the CASA golf tournament are available at Nevada Bob's golf shop on Virginia Beach Boulevard. For more information, call Shirley Jordan at 463-2061.

Area Scouts celebrate 85 years of fun

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers of Tidewater Council are gearing up for their annual show and exhibition Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Norfolk Naval Air Station, hangars LP 59 and 60. Celebrating the 85th anniversary of Tidewater Council and Boys' Life magazine, the theme is "Boys' Life - 85 Years of Fun!"

More than 100 Cub Scout

Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Explorer Posts will participate in the show with cooking,

pioneering, knot-tying and other skill demonstrations, camping,

woodworking, sports and derby exhibits. More than 50 community and state agencies such as the Virginia Division of State Parks, Back Bay Wildlife Refuge, the Virginia Marine Science Museum, and the Norfolk SPCA will be special exhibitors at the show.

The U.S. Atlantic Fleet Band will lead The Grand Parade of Flags to the opening ceremony at 9:45 a.m. Special events include a Fun Run/Walk at 11 a.m., Emergency Fire and Rescue Demonstration at 1 p.m. and a spectacular Anniversary Celebration and mass photograph at 2 p.m.

Admission is \$2 per person and Scouts are selling tickets in neighborhoods from Norfolk to North Carolina. Tickets may also be purchased at the show. To get to ScoutFest '96, enter the Naval Air Station Gate 3A off Interstate 564. Call 497-2688 for more information.

Has someone in your organization recently won an award? Let The Virginia Beach Sun know about it. Fax the pertinent information to 548-0390.

LEGALS

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 8, 1996 at 11:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

An Ordinance upon Application of Mary Karen C. & A. Neal Kellum for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District to R-7.5 Residential District at the southwest corner of Bonney Road and Happy Street. The proposed zoning classification change to R-7.5 is for single family land use on lots no less than 7,500 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 16,446 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

An Ordinance upon Application of LTM Development, LLC., for a Conditional Use Permit for a plot on the north side of Lakin Road, 780 feet more or less east of Oriole Drive. Said parcel is located at 900 Lakin Road and contains 30,48 square feet more or less. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

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Mother's quest continues; Maureen Dabbagh won't give up on finding child

By M.J. KNOBLOCK
Sun Correspondent

Maureen Dabbagh hasn't seen her daughter, Nadia, in well over three years. But she still has hope that one day soon her child will return home.

Dabbagh's ex-husband, Mohammad Hisham Dabbagh, a Syrian national, kidnapped Nadia during a custody visit when Maureen was living in Ohio and he was living in Florida. He fled the country and went back to Syria with a year-old Nadia in tow.

When *The Virginian Beach Sun* last spoke to her, Dabbagh was ready to hire mercenaries to recover her daughter. The feat would cost \$75,000 to \$100,000 with no guarantees that Nadia would ever come home.

Sitting in the "war room" of her Pembroke home, Dabbagh lays out the details of an international manhunt. Much has changed, but much remains the same. She is convinced that, one way or another, she will get her daughter back.

After the story ran in the *Sun*, Dabbagh was contacted by the State Department urging her to go through proper legal channels. She used money that poured in from the community to hire a Syrian lawyer to gain custody of Nadia and to make two trips over there.

"About a year-and-a-half later, I have a custody order from Syria," she noted. "Syria has a warrant for his arrest. The U.S. has a warrant for his arrest. But you know what? We couldn't find her, so Interpol stepped in. I love Interpol."

They discovered that Mohammad left Syria with Nadia through an exit visa, allowing him to legally work in Saudi Arabia. He is working as a lab technician in a Rhody security forces hospital.

"The Saudi officials said, 'He has Nadia and she is fine and well and they're here legally,'" said Dabbagh, shaking her head. Saudi Arabia will not issue a tourist visa for any reason, so she cannot go there and pick up her daughter.

Several ideas were put forth. An embassy representative could go get her and send her home, because she is an American citizen — but they are "not a social service organization." They cannot take custody of the child.

A Marine guard and his family stationed in Saudi Arabia could take her home with him, along with his wife and children — "but you can't use the military that way."

An American family could take her in and bring her back — but how would they get Nadia out of the house? The Saudi police will not intervene.

"**Three** years later, we found her," said Dabbagh. "We have her, but there is no precedent to bring a child back to this country, because it's never been done legally before."

Dabbagh said that without the help from several people, including federal and international officials, she would be nowhere near this point.

She has worked with Liz Yore, chief legal counsel for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, whom she describes as "amazing."

"I have the best FBI agent in the United States of America," Dabbagh beamed. "We have the office in Cleveland that leaps through hoops of fire and the office in Miami that does back flips!"

She explained the jurisdiction. Nadia was abducted when they lived in Cleveland before Maureen moved to Virginia Beach. At the time of the abduction, her ex-husband was living in West Miami.

At one point, a Syrian judge questioned a discrepancy between Mohammad's falsified custody documents and Maureen's bona fide ones. She was told the judge would like to see a handwritten letter from the Cleveland judge awarding custody to the mother.

FBI Agent Ed Sutterfield leapt into action.

"He dropped everything on a dime," said Dabbagh.

Sutterfield drove from his Cleveland office to a town, about three hours away. The judge cleared her schedule, and wrote the letter while Sutterfield waited in her office. The letter was delivered to the Syrian judge within 72 hours of the request. Although Dabbagh still doesn't have Nadia, the Syrian judge acknowledged her custody rights.

She noted that the West Palm FBI office, compliments of agent Bill Thurman, won't be outdone either. He helped her obtain only the third warrant ever issued under the 1993 International Parental Kidnapping Crime Act.

"It made it a federal felony to

CHECK IT OUT

A bank account for donations for the return of Nadia Dabbagh still exists, but has been depleted. Send donations to:
Commerce Bank
Maureen Dabbagh Recovery Fund for Nadia, 4592 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, Va. 23462

remove a child from the United States," Dabbagh explained. "It's not a custody issue. Any time you remove a child from the United States to prevent the other parent access, it is still a crime."

Even Interpol has gotten involved in the search for Nadia. Jim Preach of Interpol-Washington, has coordinated communications between the United States, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

"The abductor, my husband, has moved this child from country to country and they have tracked him down."

The State Department has requested welfare and whereabouts checks on Nadia through the embassy — something that Syria responded to while Nadia was in that country, although Saudi Arabia has not.

"I set out to hire thugs to get back my child and the state department said 'Don't do that, do it this way,'" said Dabbagh. "So I went through all the procedures and now we're at the end. The problem is, there's no manual on how to finish this up."



THINKING OF NADIA. Maureen Dabbagh is still awaiting the return of her daughter, Nadia, 5, who was kidnapped by her father, taken to Syria and is currently in Saudi Arabia.

Dabbagh has written a book, "A Comprehensive Guide to the Recovery of Internationally Abducted Children." It is a reference book for parents, state, local, federal and international officials and judges. It is for anyone involved in an international parenting kidnapping battle that needs to know the rules.

But, she said, the book has no ending. Nadia still isn't home.

Because she is in Saudi Arabia, there is no way to know if the child speaks English or if she knows that her mother is desperately trying to bring her home. Dabbagh has exhausted every legal channel she can.

"It's no longer in the hands of the courts," she said. "They have done their jobs. It's no longer in the hands of the Interpol and they've done have done their jobs. Now the bottom line is to get political."

She is willing to try it.

"I think the only way Nadia's going to come home is if someone in a politically influential position in the United States steps forward and says 'OK, we have a mother here who went through the system. She did everything right. She did all the necessary paperwork and now it's a matter of getting the Saudi officials to cooperate with her,'" Dabbagh explained.

"Who knows if someone will step forward? It's an election year. Even if someone doesn't have sympathy to me or my case, they might help."

She has written letters to Virginia Senators Chuck Robb and John Warner.

Robb's office replied with a form

City's Convention/Development Department ad campaign lauded

The Virginia Beach, Department of Convention and Visitor Development won the gold award in the prestigious 1995 Adrian Advertising Award/International Travel Competition for its tourism advertising campaign created by Barker Campbell and Farley, Virginia Beach.

The award was presented to Convention and Visitor

letter saying hers was received, but she has no appointment. She has called Warner's office on several occasions, to no avail.

"I guess state officials are busier than foreign ministers, embassy officials, ambassadors, consulates, Interpol, state department personnel, justice department personnel," Dabbagh reeled off. "All I want is a political push to bring her home. Gosh, I did the rest of it."

After dealing on a federal and international level for so long, Dabbagh is stepping into the state level for the first time. It is very different.

"Why is it easier for me to get an appointment in Washington and from consulates and I can't even get an appointment with my local senator?" she demanded.

Dabbagh said she has never been a big political person.

"I was just a Sunday school teacher and a girl scout leader and I was the 'Good Aid Mom.' The only positive political experience I had was when I voted for President Reagan and he won," Dabbagh laughed.

But that was years ago.

Three weeks ago, she called Warner's Norfolk office and asked for an appointment. She has yet to get one. Then she called the Richmond office. It was the first they had heard of it. She was given a number in the Washington office "because they thought that was something that should go to the top. They thought that Warner would be interested."

She was given a name and told she would be called. She still has no appointment. She is not sure that either senator even knows she has been trying to contact them.

"There seems to be a consensus among the people I'm working with," Dabbagh said. "This is all we need. I'm sure the good senator would be willing to meet with me, but we can't get past the doggone secretaries!"

There seem to be two options left — the political route, or her original plan of having her daughter kidnapped. After the trial she has followed, she wants to stay on the legal side, the political side. She does not want to resort to the expensive, risky and dangerous business of putting her daughter's life in the hands of a mercenary in a foreign country.

Since her daughter was stolen, Dabbagh spends her days babysitting to make money, or working with a network of parents in much the same predicament as she is. They meet in the "war room," so dubbed by another parent, as they made their plans and strategies to recover a child. She gives advice. She steps in to help them however she can.

She produces monthly newsletters on missing children and has helped bring six of them home. She has gone to foreign countries to pick them up with the approval of local authorities. "I do not align myself to kicking down doors," she noted. These activities are all that have been getting her through this time without little Nadia.

"Writing the book and talking with these parents has kept me sane," she said.

Her telephone bill, reaching the average \$1,200 to \$1,500, has recently been turned off. The bank account which was opened to help her bring her daughter home now holds a zero balance. She still doesn't have her daughter back, but she appreciates the outpouring of community support.

"It has been overwhelming," Dabbagh smiled. "The people of Virginia Beach, I don't have a way to thank them. These are not family and friends. These people in the community stepped forward and said 'Let's help.'

Now, all she really wants is a political push, she said once more.

"Wouldn't it be something if I wrote this book and the only way I could get my kid back — well, I hope we can find another way," she said quietly.

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HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

Laser system to reduce nearsightedness, contact lens dependence arrives in area

VISX Inc. of Chesapeake recently announced its approval by the FDA to market and sell its advanced VISX Excimer Laser System in the United States. After years of extensive research and worldwide availability of this technology, this approval gives American patients access to advanced laser treatment for nearsightedness to reduce dependence on glasses and contact lenses. More than 300,000 eyes worldwide have been treated with the VISX Excimer Laser System.

Dr. Barry F. Atlas, director of the Eastern Virginia Eye Center, is involved in the collaborative

surgeon and hospital effort to bring this technology to Tidewater. Atlas introduced refractive surgery for nearsightedness to this area in the early 1980's and will be performing this new outpatient procedure in the near future.

The entire procedure takes less than 15 minutes, and the excimer laser is used for less than 60 seconds. Prior to the procedure, the system computer precisely calculates the exact amount of corneal tissue to be removed, an amount typically less than the thickness of a human hair.

This laser technique known as photoablation lets the eye focus

properly, allowing 94 percent of patients to recover 20/40 vision or better without glasses — letting them see their alarm clock from across the room, perform everyday tasks, or pass a driver's test.

Approximately 90 percent of Americans with mild to moderate levels of nearsightedness may be candidates for laser vision correction. To qualify for this procedure, patients must be at least 18 years old and have healthy eyes that are free from eye diseases or corneal abnormality.

For more information on this procedure and the excimer laser coming to Tidewater, contact Atlas at 483-0400.

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A Resume Service, a subsidiary of the Newell Marketing Group, has been accepted for membership in the Professional Association of Resume Writers (PARW), a national trade association composed of companies that specialize in preparing client resumes and related career placement services.

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Schools want more budget—but would call for 12-cent tax rate increase

By LEE CAHILL

City Council Reporter

The school board wants the city to fully fund its proposed \$400,934,889 budget for fiscal 1996-97.

But as an option the school board found savings that would reduce its budget to \$392.5 million.

But even with the savings a \$7.5 difference remains between the school board budget and the city's proposed budget. This means that the real estate tax rate would have to be increased by 12 cents rather than the 3.2 cents proposed by City Manager James K. Spore, an increase needed, he said, because of the financial strains the school system got itself into in previous years.

After a budget work session with school officials Tuesday afternoon of more than two hours, council decided it needed more time and scheduled another joint work session for Thursday. That's when council will have to decide whether to advertise a public hearing on a 3.2-cent tax increase or a 12-cent tax increase.

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Spore has recommended a school budget of \$385,002,679, which differs from the school board budget by \$15,932,210. In recommending the tax increase for schools, Spore said in his budget letter, "I cannot propose cutting city departments or short-changing city employees to make up for the mistakes and behavior of the outgoing school board and its prior administration."

The message in the school board budget, prepared by Interim

Superintendent of Schools James L. Pughley, who has since resigned, and Donald A. Peccia, associate superintendent for administration. Timothy R. Jenney had not been appointed superintendent of schools yet — was almost as hard. School officials maintained that if the school board had received sufficient funds to carry out its job, the \$12.1 million deficit in the school board budget would not have occurred.

Peccia, in his report on the budget to council said that \$22,845,688 items were unbudgeted or underbudgeted for the 1995-96

Giles Dodd, retired city finance director and now acting finance director for the schools, said that the picture is much brighter than it was in December, 1994. He also announced, however, that the school board wanted full funding of its budget, which would require a total tax rate increase of 12 cents. "We are aware of the political reality."

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf and then councilman Louis R. Jones asked Jenney whether the school board, if it were given full funding with the 12-cent tax increase, would be back next year with another request involving tax increases.

Dodd submitted a new proposal by the School Board, the establishment of a Special School Division Revenue Reserve to receive all end — of — the-year funds that could be used for schools subject to council appropriation.

Oberndorf, pointing out that the tax rate with the 12 cents addition would be \$1.31 per \$100 valuation, asked whether the school board could hold back in future years.

Jenney that, "if we got that size increase we will not be back."

For its part, the school board produced a list of economies totaling \$8.4 million which would offset some of the cost in fully funding the budget. Otherwise the tax increase would have to be even more than 12 cents.

However, councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. noted that the major savings was in salaries—\$5.1 million. He remarked that the money would be taken out of the pockets of teachers.

Jenney said that the school board was not proposing "we're taking money out of anyone's pocket."

The proposal is to establish a step increase of three percent rather

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LIVING HISTORY. DAR member and history buff Donna Hubner recently published a thesis on the life of the Thoroughgoods. It is also the 40th anniversary of the DAR's Adam Thoroughgood Chapter.

History lives again

By VICTORIA HECHT

Sun Editor

Anyone who has visited the historic Adam Thoroughgood House cannot deny the importance the 17th-century namesake played in shaping the future of Virginia Beach and surrounding areas.

On Saturday, the Adam Thoroughgood Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will celebrate the 40th anniversary of its chapter while commemorating the life of this early Virginian.

A recently-authored thesis by Beach resident and chapter historian Donna Hubner, "Englishman Adam Thoroughgood and American Immortality," couldn't have come at a better time.

Hubner's labor of love, fulfilled through a draining search of primary court records and other secondary sources, resulted in an absorbing compilation into the life of Thoroughgood and his wife, Sarah.

The bottom line is that I think people should know about their local history," said Hubner, who completed the project for credits toward a history degree from Virginia Wesleyan College. "I wanted to do something really unique."

Hubner, a substitute teacher, decided to combine her DAR work and love for history in one fell swoop.

She began the search last summer, delving into local documents and records for whatever information she could find about these early Virginians' lives.

"I practically camped out at the library. I wanted to know just who Adam Thoroughgood was," she said.

But to Hubner's dismay, finding information on the family was "like finding a needle in a haystack." Little information is available on them, calling for Hubner to pull out all the stops in her search.

"There were no original writings of the Thoroughgoods, which was a bummer since he was a burgess and a justice. You would have hoped that there was something in the record books that he himself recorded. But I still felt like I heard his voice."

Hubner quickly became enthralled by Thoroughgood's wife, Sarah, who by 17th-century standards was a spitfire of a woman.

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Historian

"Adam Thoroughgood came here in 1621 as an indentured servant, which was amazing since he did have a gentry background and a coat of arms."

"His family was somebody. His father was the Rev. William Thoroughgood of Grinstain Parish, and two of his brothers were knights. Sir John was a gentleman-in-waiting to Charles II and had some connection to Charles I, too. I think they were really Loyalists. They stood up for the king."

But how did Thoroughgood, just an indentured servant, rise to wealthy land owner?

"The record isn't really clear. We know he worked very hard and coaxed people into coming to America, somehow raising enough money to pay their passage. That's how he got the 5,000 acres — he got their head rights, 50 acres apiece."

Thoroughgood didn't have time to enjoy his newly-established Norfolk County. In 1634, he got the grand patent. By 1640, he was dead.

"We're talking a span of six years. That's what is so amazing, that he has endured this long when he was in the spotlight no more than a decade," said Hubner.

Sarah, however, would outlive her husband by 18 years and acquire two more husbands before her death.

"I was impressed with her. She must have been really energetic, especially to get that last husband — a dashing, young officer," said Hubner. "She was a woman to be reckoned with."

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Princess Anne High leader lauded in face of school crisis

Patricia W. Griffin, principal of Princess Anne High School, has always been ablaze with innovative ideas and programs for her school. During their school year, however, she literally faced a trial by fire when much of their school was destroyed by one a few days before school was set to open in the fall.

For both reasons and a lot of others, Griffin has been named Virginia Beach Secondary Principal of the Year by the Virginia Beach Association of Secondary School Principals. She will now be entered in statewide competition sponsored by the Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals.

Griffin, who describes herself as a risk-taker, became principal of Princess Anne High School in the middle of the 1993-1994 school year, when the former principal was moved to the central administration.

Prior to assuming the principalship, Griffin was an assistant principal at Kempville High School for nearly five years and a long-time teacher and coach at Bayside High School. She received her undergraduate degree at Radford University on both her master's and educational specialist degrees at George Washington University.

A few months after becoming the top administrator at Princess Anne High School, Griffin initiated one of the first block scheduling programs in the city, a program which is popular with parents, faculty and students. This year, the International Baccalaureate program started at Princess Anne, in spite of the devastating fire.

Academic achievement, test scores and attendance have all gone up since she has been principal. The only thing that has gone down is disciplinary referrals. Her "Shining Stars" program recognizes students at the school, not only for their successes in academics and athletics, but also for their community services and awards, and various out-of-school accomplishments.

The Sept. 1 fire, which has blocked a full return to the building until January 1997, was a challenge to the entire school system, but to no one more than Griffin. In the days immediately after the fire, her leadership skills were visible to all who watched her methodically go about getting school open — in portable classrooms behind the building and at the former Celebration Station shopping center.

A modest person, Griffin gives credit to parents, fellow administrators, faculty and staff, students and community leaders' for events that followed the fire.

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Beach problem solvers 'bust brains'

By M.J. KNOBLOCK

Sun Correspondent

Problem solving wasn't a problem for nearly 350 students that descended on Ocean Lakes High School last weekend.

The young people, who traversed from 20 school divisions compete in the state bowl. Once at the competition, each team followed a specific procedure. Each year, the problem is different. This year, the topic was cybernetics, which was announced about six weeks prior to the competition. At this point, the students gather all the information they can find on the subject. Some use the Internet, while others use books and other sources.

At the competition, teams are given a list of options of problems to address, followed by two hours in a room by themselves to create a solution.

They must come up with a scenario in the future, in this case, well beyond the year 2020, dealing with that topic.

"We don't describe the problem, we leave that to them," said Baise. "It's basically a blank

sheet of paper. They pick out one problem and come up with 20 solutions and a way to evaluate solutions, then give their chosen solution."

The answers are written in a booklet and evaluated by judges. They are graded on rationality, category, flexibility, clarity and written expression, special insight with extra points given for originality or ideas that are "rare and insightful."

Baise said that the students are very competitive, but it does not require a large school system, such as Fairfax County, to produce winners.

"I think, if you look at the whole spectrum, Virginia Beach does as well as anybody else," he noted.

Teams from all across the state attended the competition for various reasons.

"They work hard all year and they wanted a chance to compete with other teams form around the state and make new friends and learn how to solve problems of the future," said Sally Grunewald,

coach of a nine person team from Waddell and Lyburn Downing elementary schools in Lexington.

"They learn so much from the other kids and watch the other teams perform because others go about things differently and they learn it's possible to work within the time constraints they're given and within the limits."

Mark Maloney, Cople Elementary School's coach, said he brought the teams from the Northern Neck's Westmoreland County to the competition for the learning experience. He was joined by two other coaches and 16 students from W & L High School in Montross and Montross Elementary School.

The team from Glasgow Middle School in Fairfax had a different view, however. Among comments of enjoying a day off from school and having fun, the students said they were benefiting from the experience.

"It teaches us competition, contemplation and we just have a lot of fun when we do it," said team member Stewart Vance.



KICKIN' BACK. Zach Kater of Berkley Middle School in Williamsburg, 13, took a breather before the awards ceremony for the 1996 Future Problem Solving of Virginia State Bowl held last week at Ocean Lakes High School in Virginia Beach.

Commentary

Each vote counts

"There is but one unconditional commandment, which is that we should seek incessantly with fear and trembling, so to vote and act as to bring about the very largest total universe of good which we can see." — William James, philosopher.

In the good ole USA, we, the public, are always quick to defend or criticize the vote, but less eager to exercise this inalienable right.

Few among us can say that we have voted in every election for which we have been eligible. For those who have, please accept a resounding round of applause.

But it's ironic that those who least frequently exercise their franchise are the ones who grumble incessantly about the outcome of the election?

In the coming weeks the voters of Hampton Roads will have the opportunity to elect city council members, who will form their city's law and policies, and school board members, who will decide issues affecting our children.

Whether choosing the fate of a city council or school board, these are not inconsequential decisions. Although local elections lack the charisma of the presidential election — which we will also soon face — they are important nonetheless.

Consider your choices judiciously and vote your mind.

You can then say you made a difference. — V.E.H.



Letters to the editor

She's voting "no to status quo"

Editor:

In 1994, we were given the opportunity by means of a referendum to make our feelings known about the manner in which we elect our city council representatives. A majority of voters made it clear that they want the opportunity to have the representative from their individual boroughs chosen by the voters in that borough alone. As is well known, the powers that be decided that the "majority" was confused and really did not mean what they said. I guess it is their privilege to think what they want, but I know I was not confused and I have not spoken to anyone who was confused — pro or con. Although many spoke to the contrary, I have not found anyone who thought the wording or that referendum was confusing.

Consequently, we now have another challenge. On May 7, we will be obliged to prove that we did know what we spoke for in 1994. However, there is one difference. The wording of this referendum has been slanted in such a way that it would be very easy to cast an incorrect vote. Normally, if you want something to change you vote for it. However, in this instance, if you want a change, and change is what you need, you must vote no. So before you vote on May 7, please read the referendum carefully. If you want to elect your own representative from your own borough, then "vote no to status quo."

Marjorie A. Buono
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Virginia Beach

The dirtiest word of all

Dirt: it has to be the worst, "dirtiest," four-letter word that anyone who cleans houses will ever encounter.

It seems that ever since I got married, dirt has been a prevalent force in my life. It alters plans, affects your outlook and can make or break folks' impressions of your housekeeping abilities.

Yes, I hate dirt. I hate cleaning it up. Sigh.

Sadly, the two are synonymous. Yet both are necessary.

I wasn't always this way, as I'll wager most people who

wield a mop and broom will tell you. I have many pleasant memories of playing in the dirt as a youngster — of crafting mud into little parties and pretending they were delicious cakes, of glorious dirt plastered to my feet after long summer days spent running through yards, of powdery earth clinging to my knees after kneeling on the ground. And you know what? I didn't even bother to wipe it off.

Then there was my mom, who didn't like dirt. Rather, she didn't like anything that invaded her household and left tracks, trails, spots and smudges of any kind. Dirt was the enemy. I can still recall those humid summer evenings as if they were yesterday. Mom would march me upstairs after dinner, turn on the faucet and sternly tell me, "Victoria, wash your feet. Wash them good. They are filthy."

And so I would. Slipping my pleasantries into "tooties" into the water, I'd scrub the grime from between my toes, from under the toenails, off the heels. By the time I was done the water would be nearly black as coal. Then I'd open the drain and let the muck wash away.

Sure, my feet were clean. But they were just itching again to feel the dust between my toes and mud squishing up to my ankles. Of course, the next morning I'd be out the door and playing hard again. Again, blackened feet; again, a trip to the tub (which invariably left a dirty ring).

Now the tables are turned and I have the house to keep tidy. While I don't have kids yet, I've baby-sat for dozens over the years. Unfailingly, I was always amazed when giving them their evening baths at how they could get so many parts so dirty. Guess the memory is short.

So I am now the one launching the all-out, no-holds-barred assault on a dirty. But I am losing that war on a daily basis. DIRT, I'm sure, will get the better of me in the end.

It's not that I don't go into battle prepared. Armed with my Formula 409, Tilex Mildew Remover, Carpet Fresh, Pledge and paper towels, I launch a full-scale attack. I scrub. I scrub some more. I apply the elbow grease until I'm sure my arms will fall off.

Then I'll settle down to review the fruits of my labor. Ah, a fresh smell! Ah, clean carpets! Ah, a sparkling counter!

Then it happens. I spot a place I missed. Then I spot another and another until they begin to multiply at a dizzying speed. Defeated, I throw my 409 down in misery.

Funny thing about dirt — it comes right back! That means all that labor, all that oil, all that elbow grease went for naught. Dirt and dust will eventually win out. Even we will one day be nothing more than dirt and dust. It's the ultimate slap in the face.

As you can probably tell, I spent a stellar weekend cleaning the house. But it won't last. It never does. Between two pets, two people and open windows, the dirt will come right back. It will lightly dust the furniture and spot the floors. Dirt is the ever-present force.

Oh well. You know what they say: Earth to Earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Dirt will be the death of me yet!

Speak your voice and reject the ward system

Editor:

On several occasions, our civic league has appeared before city council to argue issues which impacted our neighborhood and the city itself. Our position and recommendations generally prevailed. Why? We certainly had strong support from our own Bayside councilman. But more importantly, every councilperson listened to us.

If the city was to change to a ward system, it is possible that only five of 11 council members would sincerely listen to our views. The other six, who would owe no loyalty to any of our votes, could dispense of our matters without due consideration at no risk to themselves.

Those individuals hoping for a ward system have never claimed that their existing concerns before council. The current system, which has specific voting representation, assures this. Ward-system proponents sole claim in injustice is that their "man" didn't get elected despite receiving a

majority of votes from those within his borough. The entire scheme is devised to provide fiscal relief to certain council candidates because they would only have to concentrate on obtaining votes from a limited geographical area. That simply is not sufficient cause to reduce accountability of every council person to every citizen of our city.

This is a city council, charged with the responsibility to protect the welfare and concerns of the entire city and all of its citizens. There is no better way to insure this than by allowing the citizens to vote for all council members. Speaking as an individual because of our civic league policies, I strongly urge all civic leagues and their members, and indeed all citizens of Virginia Beach, to reject the ward system concept.

Steven D. Hawthorne
President
Pembroke Meadows Civic League

Holding on tight for dear life

Virginia is known for holding on to her United States senators. In this century, only 12 men have held the office. Two years ago, the incumbent junior senator, Charles S. Robb, who returned after a battle royal. Now, the state's senior senator, John W. Warner, faces a test of strength in the GOP's June 14 primary.

While there isn't much reason to doubt Warner's loyalty to the same orthodoxy, he seeks to define himself as a "new" Democrat. Like the "modern" Republicans of the Eisenhower era, such protective coloration is probably designed to make it easier to carry a party's negative baggage in the general election.

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The process compounds the advantage of the candidate who can deploy resources in many places at once. It clearly resided with Mark Warner, who months ago released the names of almost 3,000 Democratic activists supporting him. His list contained 1,200 of 134 city and county chairmen, 150 elected local officials and 55 of 73 Democratic members of the General Assembly.

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One voice speaks loudly for benefit of so many

Having lost a daughter of my own, I have been following with much sadness the case of Michelle Carew, the 18-year-old daughter of former baseball great, Rod Carew. Carew, a Hall of Famer and seven-time American League batting champion, lost his daughter after a seven-month battle with leukemia.

Michelle died Wednesday after Carew's appeal for a bone marrow donor drew 70,000 responses; but, none matched Michelle's. Hospital spokesman at Children's Hospital of Orange County said, "That's an unprecedented response, no doubt, will save the lives of other cancer patients in the future."

It was heartbreaking to see Michelle on TV at times crying in pain as she lay in her hospital bed receiving the chemotherapy that was being administered to her. Yet, at times, she would smile and wave to her parents as if to assure them that everything would be alright.

Rod Carew did his job without a lot of fanfare and adverse publicity.

She was a brave young girl and, sadly, there are many others like her today who require bone marrow transplants. Unlike many of today's high-paid athletes, Rod Carew did his job without a lot of fanfare and adverse publicity. He was a good family man and was not involved in drugs, spousal abuse and adultery that we read about or see on TV today.

Sometimes it is hard to understand why it is that good and decent people like Rod Carew and his wife are subjected to the sadness that they must be enduring at this time.

But, the strength that Carew had the Hall of Fame, and with the help of God, he will turn his daughter's death into something that will save the lives of others. He is so well known that with just one plea 70,000 donors responded. Just imagine what is now going to happen when he becomes more involved in the National Marrow Donor Program.

Carew, who is hitting instructor for the California Angels and whose retired number 29 was draped Wednesday night with a banner which read "Pisher 1977-1996," was a fitting tribute to both Carew and Michelle because "Pisher" was Michelle's nickname.

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The argument for Byrne was that both in Richmond and Washington she demonstrated loyalty to liberalism. It didn't take long to get the sense of a man of considerable force and ability who wastes little time in idle speculation. At only 41, in fact, he seems to have wasted very little time at all.

Coming of age in Connecticut, he got active in the Democratic Party,

and became a member of the Virginia General Assembly, a syndicated columnist.

Seventh Wonder of the Modern World? Here!

Did you know that Virginia Beach lays claim to the Seventh Wonder of the Modern World? Well it does and it's the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Completed in 1964, this \$200 million, 17.6-mile bridge tunnel connects Virginia Beach with Virginia's Eastern Shore at Cape Charles and is considered the gateway to DelMarva.

It took 42 months to build and is considered the world's largest bridge-tunnel complex. It consists of 12 miles of treasured roadway, two one-mile-long tunnels, two bridges, almost two miles of causeway, four man-made islands and 51/2 miles approach roads and all of this was constructed under severe conditions imposed by hurricanes, northeasters and the unpredictable Atlantic Ocean.

As early as colonial days, and has dreamed of connecting Virginia's Eastern Shore with the mainland. Ships used to ply the Chesapeake waters carrying supplies to the settlers on the Eastern Shore and keeping them in touch with the Colonial Capital of Williamsburg.

A permanent continuous span has long been envisioned; however, several things held the dream back:

- It would have to be nearly 18 miles long. Almost the same distance as the crossing of the English Channel.
- It would cross the open Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay — Subject to constant lashing wind and waves.
- It would cross two or the most strategic and the busiest, shipping channels in the world.

With all the above there still was a solution and that became the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. This Bridge-Tunnel is owned and Bridge and Tunnel District (a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia) and the governing body of the District is the Commission, consisting of 11 members.

Lucius J. Kellam, chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Commission, in 1964 reported, "Today, thanks to the assistance and cooperation of many people, one of man's most imaginative dreams is reality: a ribbon of concrete and steel binding over and under the Bay for nearly 18 miles along the edge of the Atlantic Ocean."

In 1705, packet ships traveled across the span of water to connect Virginia's Eastern Shore with the mainland. In 1880, bay steamers were the link between the two. The Virginia Ferry Corporation began regular vehicular ferry service on April 1, 1933. They started with a single vessel and they made three round-trip crossings daily.

In 1954, the Chesapeake Bay Ferry District was created primarily to re-establish Cape Charles Old Point Comfort ferry service. The Chesapeake Bay Ferry Commission was the appointed governing body and its members were given the authority to restore ferry service and to acquire the Virginia Ferry Corporation. The commission purchased the Little Creek Ferry System in June 1956 for \$13 million.



Patriotic devotion

Blake Lumpkin, a fourth grader in Patty Lehrer's class at Linhorn Park Elementary School, was recognized recently as an outstanding student of American history in the Virginia Beach Public Schools. Lumpkin was honored at the annual awards ceremony sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. He wrote a first-place essay for the Princess Anne County chapter entitled "What the Flag of the United States Mean to Me."

This seven-ship fleet carried millions of passengers during its time of service. The flagship or the Little Creek Ferry fleet, the S.S. Pocahontas carried 1,200 passengers and 120 vehicles. It was a pleasant 85-minute cruise.

As the Tidewater area grew, the Little Creek Ferry System became the busiest in the world. Its fleet was capable of making 45 round-trip crossings per day. But with the ever increasing traffic volume, this was not enough and the S.S. Pocahontas made its final crossing April 15, 1964. The General Assembly of Virginia authorized the commission on March 31, 1956 to construct and operate a bridge-tunnel from any point within the boundaries of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel District to a point in the County of Northampton on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

On Aug. 1, 1960, members of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Commission met with the underwriters to sign the purchase contract and approve the official statement and trust indenture. On Sept. 7, 1960, the revenue bonds were turned over to investment bankers for delivery to investors and construction was ordered to begin.

The sponsoring contractor was Tidewater Construction Corporation of Norfolk in a joint venture group of four firms which held the prime contract for construction, except for the superstructure for the two highest bridges which were built by the American Bridge Division of the U.S. Steel Corporation. The other three firms making up this joint venture were Merritt-Chapman and Scott Corporation of New York, Raymond International, Inc., of New York and Peter Kiewit Sons' Company of Omaha, Nebraska.

Merritt-Chapman L. Scott were responsible for building the two underwater tunnels and the four artificial islands.

Have you seen them?

Virginia Beach Police are seeking three people who have wanted for separate crimes. Crime Solvers is offering a reward for information that helps police locate them.



Crime Solvers

By Detective Michael G. Dewart, Virginia Beach Police Department

Lamont Campbell, known as Pete, is wanted for bank robbery. He is black, 23 years old, 6-feet-1-inches tall, 220 pounds, with a mustache and short black hair.

Lavonia Lee Mayfield is wanted for receiving stolen property. She is black, 21 years old, 5-feet-3-inches tall, 145 pounds, with long black hair and a gold front tooth.

Willie Zafirino is wanted for three grand larcenies of motorcycles. He is white, 25 years old, 5-feet-9-inches tall and 200 pounds. He is totally bald and has a light complexion.

Information on the location of any wanted person can be provided to Crime Solvers anonymously by calling 427-0000.

Courtesy Photo

By VICTORIA HECHT
Sun Editor

You'd need a tape recorder and a thick notebook to keep up with City Hall's resident "Renaissance Woman" when she describes her colorful, coast-to-coast experiences that finally led her to Virginia Beach.

Char Murphy Dolan has never been known for sitting back and letting life pass her by. Whether helping the blind, leading meditation groups or serving as one of the original VISTA volunteers, the deputy city clerk doesn't see herself settling down any time soon.

"I always like to say I've had four careers — and I've still got two more coming," explained Dolan, known to many as the lady with the beautiful, white hair and welcoming smile who makes visitors to the city council chamber feel at ease.

Stationed strategically at a desk outside the meeting room, she greets visitors to council sessions as though she were in her own home. That's just how she comes across — open, sharing and sincere.

A former medical secretary, bridal consultant and administrative assistant, the mother of five moved to Virginia Beach 12 years ago from the West Coast after working 20 years for the federal government. For the first four years in Hampton Roads she commuted daily to the Waterside Omni. Tired of the long drive from the Foxfire home she shares with her daughter, Kathy, and until recently with her mother, Dolan signed on with the city eight years ago.

She recently received her certified municipal clerk designation after taking three year's worth of courses at Old Dominion University. Only two others in the City Clerk's Office hold the certified municipal clerk designation: City Clerk Ruth Smith and Deputy City Clerk Beverly Hooks. As a deputy city clerk, Dolan works hand in hand with council to keep the Beach running smoothly.

"There's always the glorious agenda, of course!" she laughed, explaining her primary duties.

"We work for the mayor and city council in whatever they need, want or do. When I say I'm a deputy city clerk, people want to know if I carry a badge and gun. No, I'm not that kind of deputy, but it might be fun. Basically, what city clerks or town clerks all over the country do is keep records for the municipalities. We go back to when it was still Princess Anne County. It's fascinating, and I love to read those old books. But, literally, anybody who wants anything they can't find in their office or anywhere else end up coming to us."

Describing her colleagues as "like family," it's easy to see that Dolan is a "people person." In fact, working closely with the public is what makes her job enjoyable.

"I like the fact that we're helping people all day long. It gives you a good feeling. I also like the fact that once Ruth tells us what to do, we're pretty autonomous. You can almost make your own schedule. I like that — that I know what I have to do and am trusted to do it. It gets done."

With her 65th birthday coming up in July, Dolan is starting to think about what she'll do when she eventually retires. But she won't "retire" in the true sense of the word. Instead, she plans to tackle a long-time ambition — writing. She's always adored poetry (and has been published), but would like to try her hand at authoring a mystery or inspirational book featuring poetry and meditation.

In addition, Dolan would also like to be an active voice for senior citizens.

"At that point, I'd like to start working with AARP as a lobbyist. I just like what they do and how they care about senior citizens. They're really on the ball," she explained, noting that her experience in that field came early when she worked with the elderly as a VISTA volunteer.

A long-time volunteer, Dolan has also taught relaxation and meditation at a women's prison, later studying dream analysis as well.

Whatever her future holds, Dolan is sure that her life's philosophy will still hold true.

"I guess I've always been a positive thinker," she said. "It's hard for me to stay down or negative for very long. I try every day to give a lift to the people I'm around, to the people I meet. I like to make people feel good about themselves."

Name: Char Murphy Dolan.

What brought you to this area: Compromise between Delaware and Oregon when my mother needed someone to stay with her. We were together about 11 years.

Hometown: Wilmington, Del.

Birthdate: July 23, 1931.

Nickname: I guess Char is my nickname, although I've used it so long for everything except important legal documents. I forgot I have another. I never liked my full name, and there have always been three or four Charlottes in the family — most of us have used nicknames at least part of our lives.

Up close and personal

Char Murphy Dolan: Renaissance Woman



Occupation: Deputy city clerk.

Marital status: Divorced nearly 20 years.

Children: Gene, 43, a bachelor in Oregon who is a security guard/author; Ed, 42, who is married with two college sons and lives in Idaho and is a private contract logger/deputy sheriff; Charlotte, 40, a Northern California artist/crafts expert and singer parent with a senior high daughter; Eileen, 31, a secretary who is married with three children aged 7, 6 and 15 months; and, Kathy, 33, a single programmer who works for the city of Virginia Beach Control Center (Public Works) and is starting her own word processing/desktop publishing business and lives with me. She was a great help with her grandmother during her last illness. We were three single ladies, three different generation, living together for more than eight years.

Favorite movies: All the Disney animated ones from my childhood right on up to "Beauty and the Beast" and "Pocahontas"; all the "Star Wars" and "Star Trek" movies; the grand musicals they don't seem to make anymore like "Marry Poppins"; "E.T." and "The Sound of Music"; "Close Encounters of the Third Kind"; "The Poseidon Adventure"; and, the "Indiana Jones" movies.

Magazines I regularly read: I only have time for two or three: the AARP monthly magazine and newsletter, and *Writer's Digest*. I average three to five books a week and rarely watch TV. Lately, I started reading a small magazine called *All About Cats*. I want to write articles for that.

Favorite authors: I could fill a couple of pages with names. I like mysteries (especially the classical British ones); science fiction/fantasy/adventures; philosophy; theology; self-help/improvement; comparative religions/socio-economics; and, re-reading all the old classics like Shakespeare.

Favorite night out on the town: Dinner and a show with friends.

Favorite restaurants: Captain's Table, Fortune Garden, Captain George's (Pungo), Ruby Tuesday and any place that caters to vegetarians and/or has low-fat, low-cholesterol selections.

Favorite meal and beverage: Salads of all kinds; most pasta dishes, any veggie except okra, iced tea or O'Doul's (soft drinks) and scotch (hard drink). As for desserts, if I'm being good, something low-cal; if I'm being bad, anything chocolate.

What most people don't know about me: I have had several psychic experiences during my life which have served to make completely unshakable an already strong faith in God. I have no doubt each of us is an eternal soul with immense potential for spiritual growth. We are watched over and loved even when we believe ourselves to be most unlovable.

Best thing about myself: I find it easy to like people and try to bring out humor in tense situations. I keep my promises.

Worst habit: Procrastination. I had a book on how to stop procrastination for about three years and never got around to reading it — I finally gave it to a procrastinating friend, but I think he lost it!

Pets: Two adorable, spoiled cats. Brothers named Don Juan and El Ebano.

Hobbies: Collecting lions, walking, writing — but I hope to make that a new career.

Ideal vacation: To be able to get in the car and drive with no time schedule, no fixed destination, only a vague idea of what I might do and where I might go, subject to change by whim.

Pet peeves: Closed minds, rude drivers, rude people and parents who don't keep watch over their children in public places.

First job: Porteress in Catholic Rectory at age 12.

Worst job: On the West Coast I worked for a private physician with a "Little Tin God" complex straight out of the psychology textbooks.

Favorite sports teams: Don't know any.

Favorite musicians: My taste in music is as varied as my taste in reading. I love all except for acid rock (unless you count some of Black Sabbath or The Grateful Dead as acid). Some music I like in smaller doses than others. I keep my radio at work tuned to Soft Jazz most of the time and WHRO the rest of the time.

Most embarrassing moment: In 64 years there have been a number of them; the best stories are too long.

I would like my epitaph to read: "Here lies Char. Her race is run; Don't mourn for her, 'Cause she had fun." Seriously, I believe in cremation and no memorials.

If I received \$1 million: I'd divide it most willingly with my daughter who been such a wonderful companion, and not so willingly with the IRS. My share would be divided among investments, my favorite charities and travel. One-third of a million would be easy to slip through the fingers nowadays if you're not careful. I would not retire sooner than I plan for less than a whole million, which would require "winning" \$3 million!

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would plead for everyone to work for world peace and healing our planet and the people on it, to care for one another as much or more than they care for themselves. I would remind people that they can't truly enjoy what they have if they are not sharing part of it with those who have nothing.

EDUCATION

All in the family

Father, son share special enthusiasm

By JACKIE MATTHEWS
School Correspondent

Photography is a field of adventure explored by Bob and Robert Avery, father and son. Robert was recently awarded first place citywide in the field of photography, kindergarten through second grade, in the Reflections Cultural Arts Contest. The Reflections Contest is held every year.

Photography is one of many categories available for students.

The Avery family has lived in Virginia Beach for many years. Bob, a photographer for Olan Mills, has shared his love for the camera with his son. As a sixth grade student, Bob knew he wanted to pursue the field of photography. Highlighting his 18-year career was snapping shots of the New Orleans Jazz Festival with many famous musical

entertainers.

Robert, a first grader at Malibu Elementary School, has already expressed the desire to investigate the areas of photography. His enlarged picture of a leaf, taken on macro setting, took the first place award. Last year Robert placed second on the school level in the same category.

Robert said the texture of the leaf showing the veins in golden color was the inspiration for his choice.

"I thought maybe other people could see what I saw in that leaf if I took a picture of it."

His main topics of photography are nature. Robert and his dad often go to Seashore State Park hiking and taking pictures. The winning shot was taken at the park. Bob is pleased he has introduced his son to the world of photography.

Avery said, "I believe it is a blend of art and science. Art being the composition and science the technique of developing and processing."

Robert is learning the different aspects of developing; his teacher is naturally his dad.



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON. Robert Avery and son, Bob, a student at Malibu Elementary School, share a zest for photography.

Courtesy Photo

TCC names vice chancellor as commencement speaker

Karen J. Petersen, vice chancellor of Administrative Services for the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), will be the keynote speaker at Tidewater Community College's commencement ceremony 10 a.m. Saturday, May 11 at Norfolk Scope. Other speakers include three student from the Chesapeake, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach campuses.

Petersen was appointed vice chancellor for Administrative Services in June. Prior to working for VCCS, she served as the Secretary of Education for the Commonwealth of Virginia. She

earned a master's degree in business administration from Virginia Commonwealth University and a bachelor's in business administration from The College of William and Mary.

One of the student speakers includes Margaret E. O'Leary, a science major for the Virginia Beach Campus. O'Leary is a 1987 graduate of Green Run High School. She worked for several years and had a baby who needs a kidney transplant. Inspired, Leary pursued pre-med studies at TCC — where she has a 4.0 average on a 4.0 scale. She hopes to transfer to William & Mary.

The field-day exhibits were available to all students. "We do try to involve the whole school from kindergarten all the way up through fifth grade," said teacher Ann Boyce. "There are a lot of talented students in this school —

Step right up May 8 - 12 for the Second Annual Family Carnival Fest, sponsored by Open Door Chapel of Virginia Beach. It's a carnival of fun, family and fellowship like no other, featuring hair-raising rides, challenging games, colorful crafts, mouth-watering refreshments and a

special Mother's Day tribute May 11, honoring all Hampton Roads moms. Your children, family, civic or religious organization will love this pre-summer celebration located in the security of the Virginia Beach community. During the Mother's Day

tribute, stuntman Paul Rine, who starred in "Little House on the Prairie" for three years, as well as working on feature films "Young Guns II" and "Three Amigos," offers a special Hollywood fashion show for Hampton Roads moms, showcasing more than 30 period costumes from your favorite television shows. Other scheduled events include performances by local civic and gospel choirs. Family festival times are Wednesday and Thursday from 6 - 10 p.m.; Friday from 4 - 10 p.m.; Saturday from noon - 10 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 - 10 p.m.

Family Carnival Fest offers something for everyone

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A reception was held in the library following the ceremony. School Parent Teacher Association volunteers hosted the gathering. Adopt-A-School partners Golden Corral and McDonald's provided the refreshments. Grim beamed with pride as she encouraged the 44 newly-inducted Honor Society members to "... continue to be the role models for your peers and uphold the high standards you emulate that made you a candidate for this honor."



PANTHER PRIDE. New members of the National Honor Society at Princess Anne Middle School repeat the oath of honor during their induction ceremony.



CAPTIVATING! Lacemaker Helen Crews caught the attention of eager young B.F. Williams Elementary students who were intrigued

by her handiwork. Observing are Marisha Abbott and Cassie George.

Field Day takes new approach to 'getting active'

Arts and crafts highlight B.F. Williams' event

By MARGARET WINDLEY
Sun Correspondent

Artwork by local artists and students in the Governors Magnet School for the Arts covered the library and the computer room, while local craftsmen exhibited their skills in different rooms. Dancers and acrobatic teams displayed their abilities in the gymnasium, and an African hut in the atrium awaited the coming of students.

It was Field Day at B.F. Williams Elementary School.

"This year's focus is on crafts and hobbies. There are craftsmen and hobbyists all over the school," noted Principal Ed Gibbs.

"They have been excited about it for a week now," said Karen Padgett, a first grade teacher, sensing her students' anticipation as they crowded the school's back playing area that morning for the opening exercises. "They are going to get to see the whole thing, art exhibits, assemblies, different kinds of music, a variety of things."

The field-day exhibits were available to all students. "We do try to involve the whole school from kindergarten all the way up through fifth grade," said teacher Ann Boyce. "There are a lot of talented students in this school —

and teachers, too. I guess they bring the best out of each other. The 'Lint Lady,' Robyn Vasile, does beautiful artwork. She has done a lot of artwork with dryer lint."

Going inside for a walk through the library, art teacher Jeanne Branich and Vasile showed off the gallery proudly to guests and students alike with works by, among others, Maizelle Brown, Ken Wright, Betty Woodhouse, Brian Beachum, Dr. Rod Taylor, Rip Rylance, Vonnie Wentworth, Amy Wolcott, and Theresa Brown.

In a room at Eileen Barton at her spinning wheel working quietly. Her husband, William, a hobbyist who made the spinning wheel for her, stood nearby.

"When I'm spinning flax now and then a child will ask if I can spin straw into gold, and I will say I am still trying," she smiled. Barton is a member of the Tidewater Weaver's Guild and the 25 Rivers Guild of Northern Neck. She also serves as a docent at the Francis Land House.

"I have a one-day program," said her husband, who also makes soap, generally from old pot grease and lye. "I have settled on pure Castile. Nothing in it but olive oil and lye. I make it first class."

Alice Shurtz, a physical education teacher who has been the field day facilitator for the last three years, spoke of the library art gallery, and groaned. "That was hours and hours of work for our grand opening last night."

A surprise accidental fire there learning it."

Although Marisha Abbott's favorite part was not really the lace-making, she was also glad to learn the skill.

"When we were in that gym and were watching things, all of that dance and stuff," she recalled as her favorite part, but she was fascinated by watching the lace-maker.

Chappell recalled the busy day with so many activities and could not decide on just one.

"My favorite part was I have to say was that dancing and watching people in their hobbies."

Panther Pride accepts challenge

By SHERRY KELLY
School Correspondent

The Princess Anne Middle School Promise Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society recently held its annual candlelight induction ceremony in the school cafeteria decorated with special lighting and sound effects.

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Swiss scholar savors studying slithery serpents

Beach man is expert on world's snake species

By JANE ROWE
Sun Correspondent

The black rat snake, his face taut and his upper body arched, peers out of the large plastic bucket. Every muscle is alert as he checks out his surroundings, and it's obvious that he doesn't like being on display.

"He's nervous," his host, Konrad Mebert, apologizes for him. "Even within the same species some bite and some don't. This one will," he adds casually as he slips on the leather glove he keeps on hand for such occasions.

Mebert's small daughter dances excitedly around as her father lifts the coiled snake and rests him on his arm. She begs for an opportunity to pet the reptile, who's snapping at her father's gloved hand. He cautions her to maintain her distance, then turns so that only the snake's tail is within the child's reach and allows her to stroke the animal once before he returns him to the bucket for his return trip to his home at an Old Dominion University laboratory.

"That's enough for right now," the Virginia Beach resident says. "He's too nervous."

That snake, a member of a species that's common in southeastern Virginia, is one of about 2,000 that Mebert's handled during his lifetime. He's travelled over a good chunk of the world exploring shorelines and forests in order to catch a glimpse of a snake. He's handled asps, cobras, and countless non-poisonous

snakes, including the water snakes which are the topic for the dissertation he's working on as a doctoral student at Old Dominion University.

"I love snakes, and I love snakes in nature," Mebert said. "I've travelled through Europe, Thailand, Kenya, Panama and the United States" tracking and studying the snakes native to each area. But don't ask him if he has a favorite species.

"I respect everything," he said, "and I like everything."

The eastern North Carolina water snakes that he plans to study for the next several years don't really fascinate him more than any other species, he added. "But the opportunity was here" to do some research on a hybrid water snake that's unique to North Carolina's waterways.

North Carolina, Mebert explained, is home to both the Northern Water Snake, which doesn't travel much further south, and the Banded Water Snakes, which have never been seen north of the Virginia-North Carolina border.

"You have the Banded Water Snakes coming up from Florida, and the Northern Water Snakes coming down from Virginia, and at some point they meet," Mebert explained. "There have even been about five hybrids found, and one that I found is in the Virginia Marine Science Museum."

Mebert first saw water snakes in his native Switzerland, where they live in the rip-rap



Photo by Jane Rowe

SLITHERY? Although this black snake was a little nervous about being photographed, Virginia Beach doctoral student Konrad Mebert held him with the confidence that comes from handling about 2,000 of the reptiles.

built to support bridges and coastal roads. Although there's a fairly large water snake population in parts of Switzerland, there are no snakes in the agricultural areas where Mebert grew up, and he has no idea how developed his interest in them.

"Nobody influenced me," he said. "But I always liked animals, and I wanted to explore the animal world. And I also liked danger, and when you combine that with nature, what comes out? Sharks and snakes."

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By MARGARET WINDLEY

Sun Correspondent

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What message do they want to share? Very simply — it's the importance of creating love within a relationship that accepts each other's differences.

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Hubner just has one regret about the Thorogood family, whose name has evolved from its original spelling of "Thorogood."

"It really breaks my heart that they didn't leave any personal writing," she said sadly. "And I would really love to find some way to preserve their tombstones (which are now washed over by the Lynnhaven River just off Church Point)."

The Adam Thorogood Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will celebrate its 40th anniversary Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Tandem's Pine Tree Inn in Virginia Beach.

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Swiss scholar savors studying slithery serpents

Beach man is expert on world's snake species

By JANE ROWE
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The black rat snake, his face taut and his upper body arched, peers out of the large plastic bucket. Every muscle is alert as he checks out his surroundings, and it's obvious that he doesn't like being on display.

"He's nervous," his host, Konrad Mebert, apologizes for him. "Even within the same species some bite and some don't. This one will," he adds casually as he slips on the leather glove he keeps on hand for such occasions.

Mebert's small daughter dances excitedly around as her father lifts the coiled snake and rests him on his arm. She begs for an opportunity to pet the reptile, who's snapping at her father's gloved hand. He cautions her to maintain her distance, then turns so that only the snake's tail is within the child's reach and allows her to stroke the animal once before he returns him to the bucket for his return trip to his home at an Old Dominion University laboratory.

"That's enough for right now," the Virginia Beach resident says. "He's too nervous."

The snake, a member of a species that's common in southeastern Virginia, is one of about 2,000 that Mebert's handled during his lifetime. He's travelled over a good chunk of the world exploring shorelines and forests in order to catch a glimpse of a snake. He's handled asps, cobras, and countless non-poisonous

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"I love snakes, and I love snakes in nature," Mebert said. "I've travelled through Europe, Thailand, Kenya, Panama and the United States" tracking and studying the snakes native to each area. But don't ask him if he has a favorite species.

"I respect everything," he said, "and I like everything."

The eastern North Carolina water snakes that he plans to study for the next several years don't really fascinate him more than any other species, he added. "But the opportunity was here" to do some research on a hybrid water snake that's unique to North Carolina's waterways.

North Carolina, Mebert explained, is home to both the Northern Water Snake, which doesn't travel much further south, and the Banded Water Snakes, which have never been seen north of the Virginia-North Carolina border.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia:

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CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Auto Land for a Conditional Use Permit for used car sales at the northeast corner of Independence Boulevard and Smokey Road. Said parcel is located at 1608 Independence Boulevard and contains 30,492 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

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All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAC City Clerk

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The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

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7. An Ordinance upon Application of PCS PrimeCo, L.P., for a Conditional Use Permit for a 150' monopole tower on the west side of Shoveller Avenue, north of Mill Dam Road. Said parcel is located at 1449 and 1433 Shoveller Avenue and contains 1.7 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Tidewater United Church of Christ for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on the south side of North Landing Road, 800 feet more or less east of West Neck Road. Said parcel is located at 2500 North Landing Road and contains 10.58 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Exxon Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for a car wash in conjunction with a convenience store and gas pumps at the southwest corner of London Bridge Road and General Booth Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 2101 General Booth Boulevard and contains 39,998 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Ace of Kempville Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle rentals on the north side of Princess Anne Road, 200 feet more or less east of Overland Road. Said parcel is located at 516 Princess Anne Road and contains 1.35 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

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DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 3-13-96:

14. An Ordinance upon Application of Big Charlie's Truck Plaza, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a

low density residential at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 16,446 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

15. An Ordinance upon Application of Mary Karen C. & A. Neal Kellogg for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Residential District at the southwest corner of Bonner Road and Happy Street. The proposed zoning classification change to R-7.5 is for single family land use on lots no less than 7,500 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for a cemetery at the northwest intersection of Sandpiper Road and Whitecap Lane. Said parcel is located at 3665 Sandpiper Road. PUNGO BOROUGH.

STREET CLOSURE:

16. Application of Potters Road Investment Group for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Potters Road beginning at the southeast intersection of Potters Road and Wesley Drive and running in an easterly direction a distance of 270 feet more or less. Said parcel contains 6,577.56 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

17. An Ordinance upon Application of Hickory Properties, L.L.C., for a discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Old Donation Parkway (unimproved) beginning at the southeastern terminus of Pembroke Boulevard and running in a southeasterly direction along the boundaries of Lots 34 & 35, J. C. Hudgings Shores. Said parcel contains 1.1021 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

18. An Ordinance upon Application of BPP Developers, Inc., a Virginia Corporation for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of Lynnhaven Drive beginning at a point 151.6 feet east of Vista Drive and running in an easterly direction a distance of 115 feet. Said parcel is variable in width and contains 3239 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

19. An Ordinance upon Application of PCS PrimeCo, L.P., for a Conditional Use Permit for a 125' monopole tower on the north side of Donna Boulevard at the intersection with Jack Rabbit Road. Said parcel is located at 1625 and 1621 Donna Boulevard and contains 2.804 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

AMENDMENTS:

20. Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend Chapter 2 of the City Code by deleting from Sections 2-267, 2-268, 2-273, 2-274, 2-275 and 2-382 all provisions concerning the composition and functions of the Permits and Inspections Division and the Weights and Measures Bureau under the Department of Public Works and modifying the functions of the Engineering Division; and by adding Sections 2-386, 2-387 and 2-388 concerning the placement of the Permits and Inspections Division and the Weights and Measures Bureau under the Department of Public Works and modifying the functions of the Engineering Division; and by adding Sections 2-386, 2-387 and 2-388 concerning the placement of the Permits and Inspections Division and the Weights and Measures Bureau under the Department of Planning.

21. Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend Chapter 8, Sections 8-1, 8-2, 8-8, 8-27 and 8-72 of the City Code by deleting the term Special Police Officer; changing the term Person to Inspector and changing all references to the Department of Public Works to the Department of Planning.

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29. Application of the Virginia Beach Development Authority for a modification of conditions attached to the rezonings which were granted on June 13, 1988, August 14, 1989, November 9, 1993 and November 12, 1994. Said parcels are located on the south side of Dam Neck Road, west of General Booth Boulevard (Corporate Landing) and contain 337 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 4/26/96:

30. An Ordinance upon Application of Big Charlie's Truck Plaza, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a

motel and a truck wash facility on the north side of Northampton Boulevard, west of Baker Road. Said parcel is located at 5792 Northampton Boulevard and contains 29.074 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 4/10/96:

31. An Ordinance upon Application of Paquatton Action Council, Inc., (A Non-Stock Corp) for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-3 Residential District to B-4 Resort Commercial District on certain property located 400 feet more or less north of Southern Boulevard beginning at a point 430 feet more or less west of N. Palm Avenue. The proposed zoning classification change to B-4 is for resort commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for urban activity center use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 31,363 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

32. An Ordinance upon Application of Annie B. Kellam and Floyd E. Kellam, Jr., Executors and Trustees under the Will of Floyd E. Kellam, Deceased, for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-1 Neighborhood District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the north side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 680 feet more or less west of the intersection with North Landing Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is to allow for a drive-through window for the existing commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban low density residential at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 38,419 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

33. An Ordinance upon Application of Olive W. Malbon for a Modification of Conditions placed on a rezoning from I-6-A-2 Industrial District to I-6-1 Light Industrial District on 6-22-87. Said parcel is located at the northwest intersection of Dame Neck Road and Harper's Road and contains 9.9 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

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HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

Finding a relaxing slice of life

By JANE ROWE

Sun Correspondent

Vic and Barbara West used to spend their winters in a Florida condominium and their summers enjoying their retirement in a Back Bay home. Now, they're busy seven days a week, making sandwiches, stocking shelves and balancing account books.

But they don't mind, Barbara said, because hard work goes with the territory when you're trying to keep a local tradition alive. They've been operating Brinkley's Market since last spring when Betty Brinkley, who ran the small Charity Neck Road grocery for 30 years, died.

Brinkley had become famous locally for her ham and cheese sandwiches which hungry farmers, construction workers and daytrippers from the city devoured for lunch.

"We're just carrying on for her," Barbara said. "We want to keep the store going because you close things in Virginia Beach, it's hard to reopen them."

Barbara and Vic already owned the building, which Brinkley rented from them. "But this is our first experience running a store, and we've had to learn the hard way," Barbara said.

She and Vic fell in love with the store when they moved here from their native Roanoke in 1972, "and we've owned it for five or six years. We bought it for an investment and it was just kind of a landmark and we liked it."

Now, they're in the store from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. six days a week. At night and on Sunday afternoons they search the Price Club and warehouses for good deals on the groceries they need to stock the shelves and prepare the lunches.

"The bigger distributors don't want to deliver to a small store," Barbara said.

Vic makes the sandwiches that have been the store's main stock in trade, and he also prepares biscuits, hot dogs, hot sausage sandwiches, lasagna and other luncheon items.

Although he's added some new items to the menu, Vic's careful to prepare the ham and cheese sandwiches just the way Brinkley always did, with plenty of mayonnaise, pepper, and tomatoes.

He offers sandwiches made from Smithfield ham, spiced ham, corned beef, turkey and bologna, and, although Brinkley usually used the traditional white bread, he keeps wheat bread around for those who prefer it. The store also features pies and ice cream from Bergers Dairy which are hot seller even in the winter.

"My husband makes the sandwiches and cooks," Barbara said. "He's the chef, and I'm the cashier and trash person. I get all of the dirty work."

She was working on the accounts during a lull on a recent day, but she found time to chat with

customers coming in for an afternoon snack and a little conversation. She greets them by their first names and they exchange comments about the weather, an upcoming football game, and Vic's biscuits, which on local man says "are better than Hardee's."

"I've met a lot of nice people here," Barbara said. "The local people come in and sit and talk, and a kind of a hang-out. The kids all come in here."

The luncheon crowd includes "a lot of farmers and construction workers and in the summer, people who come down here to pick the berries or corn. And we've had people come in from the Beach, Kempsville, Chesapeake and even Norfolk looking for the sandwiches."

Getting to know her neighbors has been the upside of running the business, Barbara said. The downside is the time she and Vic spend on the store. Their inexperience at running a business made things a little hard at first, too.

Learning what, and how much to order was the biggest challenge, she said "but we learned to the customers and found out what they needed."

The Wests also sell some crafts made by local craftsmen on assignment, and she's contemplating selling antiques in the store. Her interest in traditional items is obvious from the antique cracker tins and cigar boxes that she displays in the store, and she also has some antique furniture and a wooden rocking horse. She found

several items in the store when Brinkley died, and perhaps the most interesting is a small wooden table covered with a 1929 newspaper.

"They say that the table is real old, probably from the 1800s," Barbara said. "I think Mrs. Brinkley probably set it here and put the paper on it to protect it because she did a lot of butchering, but I don't know how the paper survived."

The newspaper, dated May 10, 1929, advertises silk dresses for \$9.95. The going price for cigarettes was a quarter for two packs or \$1.19 for a carton.

The Wests' two adult daughters, Tricia and Vickie, also help in the store occasionally although their own schedules make it impossible to get there on a daily basis.

Tricia works in Richmond now and helps us out on Saturdays," Barbara said. Vickie also helps on Saturdays and her mother returns the favor by babysitting her child while she attends classes at a local college.

"I babysit for my granddaughter here in the store," Barbara said. "I went from retirement to working three jobs, including babysitting, running this store and work one day a week for my old job" at Beneficial Virginia.

While she says she's enjoyed her stint in the grocery business, Barbara adds that she and Vic are trying to lease or sell the store so that they can return to a more leisurely pace of life.

"We don't want to start a new career now," she said.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Arts

From now through May 6, the Virginia Beach Center for the Arts is exhibiting the work of SkillQuest art students in the Studio School Gallery. The public is invited to a free reception for the students and their families on Thursday, May 2 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Studio School Gallery hours are Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and, Sunday, noon - 4 p.m. The Center for the Arts is located at 2200 Parks Ave. in Virginia Beach. Call 425-0000 for more information.

Business

Andrea Gabor, author of Einstein's Wife: Work and Marriage in the Lives of Five Great 20th-century Women, will be the guest speaker for the second 1996 Women's Review Luncheon Series. Gabor is a former senior editor for U.S. News and World Report and has worked as an associate editor with Business Week and as an assistant editor with Architectural Record.

The luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 2 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, 3655 Greenwich Road, in Virginia Beach. The cost is \$18.50. Reservations are required and will be accepted through Friday, April 26.

Clubs

Parents Without Partners will hold an open dance Friday, May 10 at the Day's Inn at 4564 Bonney Rd. Happy hour is 8 - 9 p.m.; the dance is 9 p.m. - midnight. Cost is \$5 for members, \$7 non-members. Snacks are

provided. For more information, call 498-2666.

The Auxiliary of Sentara Bayside (Southside) Hospital will be having its Annual Spring Plant and Bake Sale on Thursday, May 2 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. The baked goods will be in the north dining room of the hospital, and the plants will be on the patio, immediately outside the dining room.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Kempville Chapter 4212, will meet on Wednesday, May 8 from 10 a.m. - noon at the Kempville Recreation Center located at 800 Monmouth Rd. Free blood pressure tests will be available from 9:30 - 10 a.m.

Lynnhaven AARP Chapter 4654, will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1 at the Great Neck Recreation Center, 2521 Shorehaven Dr. Melody Miller will present ideas on "How to Live Longer." Free blood pressure screening will begin at 9:15 a.m. Visitors are welcome. Call 461-6911 for more information.

Education

SkillQuest Tech Trek '96 is beaming down on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Green Run High School in Virginia Beach. Guest Barbara March, star of "Star Trek, the Next Generation" and "Generations" movie and better known in the federation as Lursa of the Klingon Empire, will be signing autographs and holding photo sessions.

The Virginia Beach School Board will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m. The meeting was moved to Monday to eliminate conflict with the city council and school board elections on Tuesday. Meetings are held in the School Board Room of the School Administration Building.

The Tranwood Elementary School PTA Carnival, "Fun Fest '96," will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Tranwood Elementary School, 2324 Lynnhaven Rd. in Virginia Beach, featuring a silent auction, games, Crafters Market, food, pony rides and much more.

Join the Ocean Lakes elementary School's PTA for their annual spring carnival on Saturday, May 4 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. There will be games and prizes; the cost for the tickets will be 25 cents.

Special events will include games provided by classroom, a dunking booth, sand art designs, line dance demonstration, bookmobile, fire and rescue department, judo demonstration, band presentation from local middle and high schools.

Recreation

River otters are the topic of a program for 3- to 5-year-olds on Wednesday, May 1 from 2 - 3:15 p.m. and 3:45 - 5 p.m. at the Virginia Marine Science Museum. Activities include a craft to take home and a visit to the museum's new river otter habitat. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The fee is \$5 for museum members and \$7 for non-members, with no charge for the adult. To find out more call 437-5003.

Religion

A bereavement support group will be offered at Virginia Beach United Methodist Church, Pacific Avenue at 19th Street, beginning May 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and are seeking a Christian support group to help see you through a difficult period, join this ongoing group, meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. While there is no fee for participation, call the church (428-7727) to register no later than Monday, April 29.

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